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"FRONTIER GANDHI" & LEADERS MARCHED OUT OF PROVINCE!

Economic Pressure Is Our Only Hope

Mr. Bomanji Calls For Boycott Of Conference Committees

("CHRONICLE" EXCLUSIVE).

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

The result of the Indian Round Table Conference is the subject of great interest in the Indian circles. Great disappointment is felt at its failure, though nothing great was ever expected. The future procedure of the Conference has come for very severe attack and the personnel of the various Committees and the exclusion of Lord Sankey from any one of them, have led to some definite conclusions.

Mr. S. R. Bomanji, the well-known businessman and Nationalist of Bombay, expresses his opinion on the present position in the following categorical terms:—

"The commission (sic) of bureaucrats and die-hard without Lord Sankey ought to be given similar welcome as was accorded to the Simon Commission. Our only hope is to exercise severe economic pressure against Britain as a sacred religious duty."

INCITEMENT TO RUSSO-JAP. WAR

Allegation Against Member Of Foreign Mission At Moscow

LONDON, Dec. 25.

Moscow.—A sensation has been caused by the report published by the Official Tass agency of the recall at the instance of the Soviet of a Member of the Foreign Mission at Moscow who is alleged to have tried to persuade a Soviet Official to stage an attack on the Japan Ambassador with the object of causing a Soviet-Japanese war. The Official "Citizen G" revealed the plot to the State Department.

It is declared that the alleged inciter had emphasised that the attempt was purely "demonstrative" and it would be enough if two bullets from a rusty automatic broke the pane of the Ambassador's car while in the streets of Moscow.—Reuter.

SJT. PALIWAL & OTHERS ORDERED TO LEAVE ETAWAH.

Lynx-Eyed Police Watch Rly. And Congress Premises.

ETAWAH, Dec. 25.

Yesterday's evening message could not be despatched as the line was out of order.

The situation is much quieter. Sjt. Shrikishan Paliwal and others were served with notices to leave Etawah. Out-station volunteers left last night. Sjt. Ramkumar Shastri had specially come from Allahabad to investigate matters. He returned last night.

Great difficulty is being experienced in matters of conveyance. The police is keeping keen watch all over. Specially railway premises and Congress office compound. All are waiting for the decision of the Working Committee and arrival of Mahatma Gandhi.—A.P.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 25.

Gazette of India notifies that the Viceroy, Countess of Willingdon and staff will leave Calcutta on the morning of 2nd January by aeroplane and arrive in New Delhi the same afternoon.

Mr. G. M. Young I.C.S., Secretary, Army Department, is granted further extension of appointment until April 1932.—A. P.

POLICY OF "THOROUGH"

How Bureaucracy Operates Ordinance

BANS AND PROHIBITIONS IN U. P.

(From Associated Press Correspondent.)

ETAWAH, Dec. 24.

I arrived to-day to review the situation after the postponement of the conference. I saw the District Magistrate and Sjt. Kishennarain Agarwala, Chairman of the Reception Committee. The atmosphere was much quieter and the delegates were returning, as the authorities had issued the following orders yesterday under section 144 Cr. P. C.

BAN ON CONFERENCE.

"Whereas the U. P. Congress has by resolution authorised the Etawah District Congress Committee to initiate a campaign against the payment of rent in Etawah District, and since the same Committee professed itself unable to guarantee to the Local Government that the political conference intended to be held under the auspices of the Congress of Etawah will not refrain from doing anything to further the "no-rent" campaign, and since there is apprehension of disturbance of public tranquillity if the Conference or any meeting in its Committee is held, the public generally is hereby prohibited from attending the Conference or any function in conection with the conference within Etawah District. The public is further prohibited from taking out any processions or holding or attending any meetings or of organising or observing any hartal within the Etawah Municipal limits. The public is hereby further prohibited from carrying any lethal weapons latnis, dandas or firearms and from forming any assembly of more than five persons in any public place or thoroughfare within Etawah Municipal limits. This order is to remain in force for a period of ten days."

ORDER UNDER ORDINANCE.

Another order under section 7 of the U. P. Ordinance was issued yesterday reading. "The public are hereby prohibited from entering the Congress Camp in Etawah, the District Board playground in the occupation of the police."

I further understand from the authorities that three challans were issued against five persons under section 12 of the ordinance. One has been convicted to six months' imprisonment. I also understand that remissions in this district have been much larger than any where, and more specially there has been another four annas postponement and it is said that the condition of the tenants here is better than anywhere, 75 percent of them being occupancy holders. The Congress authorities inform the whole conference premises, including the pandal exhibition grounds, market and showroom had been taken possession of by the police last evening.

PROTEST AGAINST BAN ON EXHIBITION.

They say that they protested against banning the exhibition which they said was a separate function and had nothing to do with the no-rent campaign.

The authorities also took possession of the volunteer camp and the District Congress Committee Office. The delegates have mostly gone home.

A rather humorous scene was enacted when Mr. Brijbehari Mehrotra was mistaken for Mr. Dandekar of Benares for whom the police had an externment notice. Mr. Brijbehari was taken to the police station, where the mistake was discovered. The Congress council's decision in postponing the conference has greatly eased the situation.

Rugby.—Mr. Tom Sopwith, founder of the Sopwith Aviation Company, and well-known yachtsman has bought late Sir Thomas Liptons Shamrock Five built in 1930 as a challenger for the American Cup. He will race her next season in British waters.—B. C. W.

Regulation III At Work Again

"COMPLETE BREACH OF DELHI PACT".

Be Prepared For Coming Fight.

HOW AHMEDABAD CONGRESS VIEWS GOVT. POLICY.

(From our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 25.

At a meeting of the Ahmedabad City Congress Committee held yesterday evening, the following resolution was passed. "This meeting of the Ahmedabad City Congress Committee considers the policy of repression inaugurated by Government in Bengal, U. P. N. W Frontier Province, Madras, and at other places as a Complete Breach of the Delhi Pact. The Committee also is firmly of opinion that it is a foreboding of the coming fight and requests the citizens of Ahmedabad to be prepared for fight and requests them to give their fullest support to the Congress.

U. P. P. C. WELCOMES MAHATMA BACK

Ready To Follow Under His Banner

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 24.

The United Provinces Provincial Congress Committee has sent a message to Mr. Gandhi welcoming him back to India and promising to serve him for the cause of freedom under his inspiration.—A.P.

Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan & Others Arrested And Deported.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 25.

Information has been received that Khan Abdul Ghafar Khan, leader of the Red Shirts, his brother, Dr. Khan Sahib, the latter's son, Sadullah Khan, and Qazi Attaullah, Pleader, Mardan, were arrested under Regulation 3 of 1818 and removed from the Frontier Province.—A. P.

(Regulation III of 1818 is a notorious piece of legislation which still stains the Statute Book. Its provisions violate every canon of jurisprudence and for summary action it is hard to beat. It was under this Regulation that the late Lala Lajpatrai was deported to Burma.

"THE FRONTIER GANDHI."

JAPANESE CABINET CRISIS NOT OVER

LONDON, Dec. 25.

Tokio.—The future of the Inukai minority Government is precarious. If the opposition attempts to insert anything which can be construed as an expression of no confidence in the address to the Emperor it is reliably reported that the Cabinet has decided to dissolve the Diet and call for a General Election. If no such amendment is proposed, it is understood that Government will postpone dissolution until resumption of the session after the New Year recess.—Reuter.

ORDINANCE RULE SET IN MOTION

N. W. F. CHIEF COMMISSIONER IMPLEMENTS PROVISIONS OF X'MAS FIRMANS

ANY MEANS CAN BE USED TO ARREST PERSONS.

PESHAWAR, Dec. 25.

A Gazette Extraordinary states:

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by the North-West Frontier Emergency Ordinance 1931, the Chief Commissioner of the Province has taken the following action:—

Under Section 3 (1) the Chief Commissioner authorises all District Magistrates and all police officers not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector that if they are satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that any person has acted or is acting or about to act in a manner prejudicial to public safety or peace to arrest such person without warrant and in doing so use any means that may be necessary.

Under Section 3 (2) he directs that any such officer making arrest under Sub-Section 1 Section 3 shall forthwith report the fact to the local Government and may order in writing to commit any person so arrested to jail custody.

Under Section 12 he authorises (a) all district magistrates (in case of Peshawar district only all additional district magistrates in charge of sub-divisions). (b) All Superintendents of Police (in case of Peshawar Districts only Assistant Superintendents of Police in charge of Mardan subdivision) to appoint special police officers within the areas of their respective charges.

Under Section 57 (1) he invests District Magistrates with powers of local Government under Sub-Section 1 of Section 4 of the said Ordinance and District Magistrates, sub-divisional magistrates and all police officers not below the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police with powers of local Government under Sections 5-9 of the said Ordinance.

Under Section 2 of the North-West Frontier Province Unlawful Instigation Ordinance the Chief Commissioner hereby declares that land revenue, water rate, or any sum recoverable as arrears of land revenue or water rate shall be notified liability.—A. P.

REASONS FOR THE ORDINANCES.

Frontier Commissioner's Statement

(From Our Correspondent.)

DELHI, Dec. 24.

The necessity for emergency legislation in the form of three Ordinances in the Frontier—and that as Christmas gifts—is explained by the Chief Commissioner in a statement, charging the Red Shirts and Abdul Gaffar Khan as preaching racial hatred and contemptuously rejecting the Premier's announcement and refusing also to attend the Chief Commissioner's Durbar. The statement runs:—"In pursuance of the general policy of Government of India it has been the aim of the Chief Commissioner to secure for his province the same measure of constitutional Government as in other Provinces, and to spare no effort to obtain the cooperation of all parties and interests in these endeavours. He has been consistently thwarted by the activities of Abdul Gaffar Khan and his adherents, who, refusing to recognise the Delhi Settlement as the means towards a permanent solution of constitutional problems, have engaged, for past ten months, in intensive preparations for the renewal of the struggle, while Government on their part have pursued the path of constitutional reform, each step towards the desired goal has been marked by increased activity of a dangerous character on the part of Abdul Ghaffar Khan.

A CONSTANT SOURCE OF ANXIETY.

From the outset, he has declared his aim to be Complete Independence, the attainment of which was to be secured through the organisation of a large body of volunteers throughout the Province. During this three months immediately following the Delhi Settlement the position created by his activities was a constant source of anxiety, and on several occasions it appeared that special measures could not be avoided to maintain control of the situation. Government, however, persisted in their policy of restricting their action within the provisions of the ordinary law, trusting that the measures to expedite constitutional reforms would in the end secure peaceful conditions.

This hope has not been realised. The publication in June last of the report of the subjects Committee who took a view favourable to the aspirations of the Province was without effect. It coincided in fact with a period of marked intensification of activities. These manifested themselves in a dangerous spirit of contempt for law and order and in some cases in discharge of its primary duty of the maintenance of law and order. The local administration was compelled to place check upon these activities by the issue of prohibitory orders in certain areas, under section 144. The issue of these orders which the Chief Commissioner believes, was welcome by the bulk of the population which resented interference with, and dislocation of, its normal daily life by increasingly lawless Red Shirt demonstrations and meetings, and led to some improvement in the situation. This was maintained for a while and it was hoped that with the delegation by Congress of Mr. Gandhi to the Round Table Conference in London it would at least continue until results of the conference were known in this hope too Government has been disappointed.

"A FRESH PHASE."

After the conclusion of an extensive tour in Dera Ismail Khan Bannu and Kohat Districts, Abdul Gaffar Khan, who at the request of the Working Committee of Congress, had to undertake the leading the work of leading the Congress movement in the province returned to Peshawar to

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Round Table Knights Still In High Spirits!

DECLARE THAT LONDON FARCE HAS NOT FAILED

ORDINANCES DO NOT ALTER FAITH IN BRITISH JUSTICE!

A very poor reception awaited the Round Table Knights who returned to Bombay by the Mail boat S. S. "Mantua" on Friday night. The steamer which was due to arrive early in the morning touched the harbour as late as 8-30 in the night, having encountered stormy weather and rough seas.

NO CHEERS, NO APPLAUSE.

Neither cheers nor applause greeted the twenty odd delegates to the R. T. C. as they landed on the Indian shores under cover of darkness. Except for a few friends of the delegates and a small number of Pressmen there was none on the Mole to give a fitting reception to these "ambassadors" and "representatives" of the Indian people.

THOSE VOLUNTEERS.

Outside the Mole, however, a considerably large battalion of volunteers belonging to the "Depressed" Classes awaited since early afternoon the arrival of one of their leaders from the Round Table Conference. They were drawn up outside the station, and had wearily to wait for hours, and by the time the delegates came out of the station all their enthusiasm seemed to have evaporated as they were seen comfortably stretched on the green lawns.

EASY JOB FOR PRESSMEN.

The task of the pressmen was made considerably easier by the delegates who had already prepared a joint statement on the results of the R. T. C. The statement was signed by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Mr. M. R. Jayakar, Sir Pheroz Sethna and 15 other delegates. Sir Prabhashankar Pattani and Mr. Rangaswami Iyengar have refrained from signing the document.

THEIR CURE.

The delegates were inclined to think that although there were elements in the Indian political situation to cause anxiety, the true cure for the troubles of India was the speedy completion of the work of the R. T. C.

THE ASSERTION.

"We are of the opinion that the Conference has not only not failed but it has reached a stage when it lies in our hands to make it yield the desired result." This summed up their infinite faith in the Conference method.

"VERY UNFORTUNATE".

The statement makes only a casual reference to the acute situation now developing in the country. When mention was made of the series of Ordinances promulgated by the Viceroy in Bengal, U. P. and the latest in the N. W. F. Provinces the delegates, one and all, exclaimed: "very unfortunate" but hesitated to pronounce any opinion till they had the opportunity to study the situation.

EFFECT OF ORDINANCES.

Sardar Ujjal Sing, however, expressed the opinion to a "Chronicle" representative that "although he was very optimistic about the results of the R. T. C., it was most unfortunate that just when things got moving, there always arose some critical situation. Without going into the merits of the case he wished to say that Ordinances were calculated to produce an atmosphere which would put obstacles in the work in which they were all keenly interested".

"VERY FUNNY".

"Very funny" was the remark uttered by Sir Abdul Qayum when he was acquainted with the fact that only that morning the Viceroy had made a present of three Ordinances to his province. The Frontier Knight added significantly that on the one hand Government was proposing to confer reforms in the N. W. F. Province while on the other hand he was listening to the tale of Ordinances. "It is very bad news" he commented but refused to be further drawn in on the subject.

He, however, expressed his belief in the "honesty of purpose of the British Government" and said that if only they could convince them of the justice of their claim the Government would be ready to recognise it.

SAPRU LEAVES FOR ALLAHABAD.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru left immediately for Allahabad while Mr. Rangaswami Iyengar proceeded to Madras. Sir Prabha Shanker Pattani proposes to stay in Bombay till Gandhiji's arrival and refused to make any pronouncement on the work of the R. T. C.

THE ARRIVALS.

The names of the twenty delegates who arrived by the Mail boat on Friday night are:—

The Chief of Sankli, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Mr. M. R. Jayakar, Sir Pheroz Sethna, Mr. Ramchandrarao, Raja Narendranath, Sir Abdul Qayoom, Maharaja Darbhanga, Raja of Bobili, Mr. A. H. Ghaznavi, Sardar Ujjal Singh, Mr. B. V. Jadhav, Mr. Ramaswami Mudliyar, Mr. A. T. Pandirselvam, Mr. Sampooran Singh, Raja Sher Mohamed Khan of Domeli, Mr. J. Raghavar, Mr. R. Srinivasan, Sir Prabhashankar Pattani and Mr. Rangaswami Iyengar.

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Ag: Chief Officer
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Dated 15th December, 1931.
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AUCTION SALES.

Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co.,
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AUCTION SALE OF THE INSOLVENTS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND TWO MOTOR CARS AT POONA.

Under instructions from the Official Assignee of Bombay and Assignee of the estate and effects of Dawood Hasham (insolvent), Messrs. CRAWFORD & CO., will sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, the 28th December, 1931, at 12 NOON (S. T.), at the said insolvent's bungalow (formerly of Dara Cowasji) at No. 5 Transport Line, New Mody-Khana, POONA, all the household furniture lying in the said bungalow and "WILLYS KNIGHT" and "CHARMER" motor cars.

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AWAKENING IN EAST

A Philosopher's Vision.

PATNA, December 21

Presiding over the All-India Philosophical Congress, Prof. G. H. Langey, Vice-Chancellor of the Dacca University, expanded the current philosophical view of the relation between the Eternal and Temporal as a ground for hope in the present situation of the world.

It will, he said, I think be agreed that every nation of the world is at the present time confronted with great problems. The nations of the West appear to be in the trough of post-war depression, and Eastern nations to be suffering the birth-pangs of awakening life. All are confronted with problems that more than tax the minds of their greatest men. But the comfort is that our great men, although called to co-operate in the work of regenerating society, have not to depend on their own resources. They are only by their knowledge of human relations to create the conditions in which the forces of the Universe can carry on their work. Even this is difficult, as the members of the Round Table Conference must be aware but it is not impossible. The situation is analogous to that which exists when disease threatens to carry away the inhabitants of a village. Then natural laws are operating for the destruction of individuals, but let those who understand change the conditions and the same forces may begin to promote their health.

FACE FACTS.

What the Universe demands (and in this demand it is insistent) is that the discomforting facts of the situation should be fearlessly faced. So it is with the affairs of nations. The ultimate hope is in the eternal resources of the Universe and these are adequate for the work of creating an increasingly rich and satisfying experience.

There may be economic depression and shortage of many things, but there is no shortage in these great resources.

If we are prepared to confront ourdifficulties and make the changes as are necessary in the spatio-temporal processes which we control; the natural, moral, and spiritual forces of the Universe will carry on their regenerating work.

A PARTIAL VIEW.

Unfortunately, when confronted with difficult situation such as those with which we are familiar, we are so frequently unable to see the larger issues We concentrate too often merely upon questions of compromise, thing of what we have to give up to satisfy other parties to the agreement and regarding it as sheer loss. Fortunately however this is a very partial view. Compromise there must be, but the purpose of compromise should be to affect the situation in such a way that the great powers of the Universe can operate for the good of all parties. This must happen whenever, with faith, good men and true face difficult situations with sincerity and singleness of purpose By their wisdom and insight they must avoid disaster and bring into being conditions in which from apparently discordant elements, the spiritual powers pervading the Universe will create new unites making for progress in the attainment of the good.

FIGHT IGNORANCE AND LESSEN INFANT MORTALITY.

Bombay Minister At Alibag Baby & Health Week Exhibition.

An interesting function was performed at the closing of the Baby and Health Week Exhibition held at Alibaug in the Kolaba District. In addition there was also an exhibition of Swadeshi articles most of which had been presented to the Baby and Health Week Association and the unsold exhibits were auctioned at the end. The closing function was presided over by the Hon. Sirdar Sir Rustom J. Vakil, Minister of local self-Government and Medical Departments of the Bombay Presidency.

Mr. Devadhar of the Servants of India Society gave a history of the work of the Association during the last five years. The function closed with a tea party and musical entertainments organized by Mrs. Hamid Ali, the wife of the District Collector, who took great interest in organising the Exhibition.

STAGGERING CHILD MORTALITY.

Sir Rustom Vakil, in the course of his speech said:—

I am glad to notice that the work is progressing from year to year and a saner attitude is being adopted by all civilised nations in matter of baby welfare. Over 60 lakhs of persons die every year in India, of which number children under one year form a quarter. In England the corresponding proportion is less than one-tenth of the total mortality. Of the children dying under one year in India, half die within the first month, and of these last, two-thirds die within the first week of life.

IGNORANCE, THE CAUSE.

Notwithstanding the terrible infant mortality in India the population during the last 10 years has increased from 320 millions to 350 millions. In the mild climate of tropical India the cost of food, shelter and clothing is much less than in the colder countries of the temperate zone of Europe. It therefore seems that the high infant mortality is due more to ignorance than to extreme poverty. Knowledge the laws of healths as well as the productive use of economic resources is very essential to the people and the Association has done very well in organising such Exhibitions in the chief centre of each linguistic division of this Presidency proper.

INSURANCE COMPANY'S PROGRESS.

New Buildings At Madras.

The opening of the new buildings of the Hindustan Co-operative Insurance Society, was performed by Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K.C.I.E.

They sought to give effect to the great doctrine underlying true co-operation, each for all and all for each. The people may be poor, their savings small and their individual contributions meagre, but with their combined resource, great things could be achieved.

LESSON FROM AMERICA.

In the course of his speech he said. "I regard it as a fortunate coincidence and great privilege that it has been given to me to declare open these buildings the foundation stone of which was laid by me four or five years ago. My additional qualification is that I am an avowed and continuous believer in life insurance and its benefits and possibilities. It inculcates habits of thrift and prudence and, at a comparatively low cost, it enables one to lay by for a given period a certain sum. Therefore life insurance is one of the finest and possibly one of the most secured forms of investment. 70 per cent of the total insurance of the world is held in the United States of America which has a population of 110 millions and each man, woman and child is insured to the extent of Rs. 2,000. Canada comes next with Rs. 1,300, Great Britain with Rs. 600 and India comes among the last with Rs. 4 per head. The number of people who have insured is 1 in 4 in America, 1 in 10 in England and 1 in 500 in India. A large proportion of the funds invested in most industrial concerns in England comes from the insurance companies and there are many nation building departments in which their funds have been invested. In the United States, 35 per cent of the funds are invested in railways and 30 per cent in immoveable properties and only 9 per cent is in Government Securities. But in India, from the latest figures we find that 2 crores are invested in mortgages. 12 crores in Government Securities and 4 crores in Port Trust and Municipal Bonds and only 80 lakhs in industrial concerns.

WARNING AGAINST SPECULATION.

The Hindustan has, within a limited period of 25 years, come to occupy a very high place in the Indian Insurance World and it can legitimately claim to be entirely managed and directed by Indians and it hopes to be Indian in outlook and enterprise. It has Rs. 544 lakhs of policies open with a premium income of Rs. 23 lakhs. It has invested funds with wisdom and can claim that its schemes are more profitable than the scheme which confines itself solely to "gilt-edged" securities, where the gilt on the edges is not particularly bright at the present moment.

The more business like we are and less addicted to speculation, the more certain we are of our resources, however insignificant to start with, the more surely shall we be laying our foundations and the more certainly shall we prosper.

BHOPAL HINDUS' DEMAND

Nawab Urged To Redress 24 Grievances

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23.

The Hindu Sabha of Bhopal State have published a list of 24 points which they have urged upon the Nawab. They demand that an Enquiry Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha of British India be permitted into the State to conduct an enquiry into the conditions of Hindus in the State.

It is pointed out that the majority of the officers in the State are Muslims in the civil department; that Hindus are hardly three per cent. of the State employees of all grade; that Hindi should be given equal place with Urdu; that Hindus should be appointed in the higher appointments according to their numerical proportion, that Hindus may be recruited for military training according to their population; that the same amount of of expenses be incurred in the repairs of Hindu temples as in respect of mosques; that all lands belonging to Hindus which have gone into the illegal possession of Muslims should be restored with compensation; that Hindus should be granted permission to play music before mosques at all times save those of prayers; that the ryotwari system as adopted by the Central Provinces and Berar be introduced in Bhopal and assessment of land revenue regulated as in the Central Provinces and that freedom of speech and press should be granted as in British India.—Associated Press.

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Sjt. J. Dwarkadas On Its Objects

The Secretary, Private Car, Bus and Lorry Drivers' Union, Bombay writes:—

"Under the auspices of the above Union a public meeting of motor drivers was held at the People's Jinnah Hall on 21st instant. Sjt. Jamnadas Dwarkadas, the President of the Union, was in the chair."

"The President explaining the aims and objects of the Union said that there were 20,000 drivers in Bombay belonging to all religions and communities. They were fairly well-paid, but so far they had failed to assert their rights, and claim the prestige and position, which they deserved, because they had not made combined efforts for their own uplift. The Union was started with a view to providing facilities for the betterment of their own and their children's lot. Through the medium of this Union they could secure better treatment at the hands of the authorities regarding license etc., and their employers also would have to recognise the strength behind the Union.

OBJECTS OF UNION.

It was the object of the Union, continued the speaker, to provide free legal and medical aid to its members and to mitigate the rigorous of unemployment as far as possible. The Union would make efforts to provide jobs to its unemployed members. Their complaints and grievances would be promptly attended to.

Concluding he appealed to the audience to see that all the drivers joined this Union and to make it a tower of strength.

Messrs. Nejerally, Syed Mohamed and Rajaram also addressed the gathering.

Rajkot News

(From Our Correspondent).

RAJKOT, Dec. 21.

Prince Ali Khan on his arrival at Rajkot was welcomed by a large number of people belonging to Khoja community. He performed the opening ceremony of a Khoja Boarding House.

A batch of local Satyagrahis left for Wadhwan on Sunday last on their way to Dhrangadhra to participate in Satyagraha there.

RAJKOT STATE ASSEMBLY.

The Rajkot State Representative Assembly opened its Winter Session on the 10th inst. The session appears to be a dull one. It began with more and more evasive answers from the Members-in-Charge to questions put to them.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM KARNATAK

To Participate In Gandhi Reception.

(From Our Correspondent.)

DHARWAR, Dec. 24.

Mr. R. R. Diwakar left for Bombay to-day to attend the meeting of Gandhi Seva Sangh on the 25th inst. It is understood that the question of future arrangement of the Sirsi—Siddapur relief fund will be considered in the meeting. Sjt. Karnath Sadashivrao President, Provincial Congress Committee left for Bombay yesterday with twenty other representatives from Karnatak to participate in the reception to Gandhiji.

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SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE REPORT

Useful Year Of Work

The following is a brief summary of the report of the work done by the Social Service League, Bombay, in 1930:—

During the year under report, the League maintained 7 night schools, 3 reading rooms, 3 standing libraries and several centres of travelling free library. The total number of students on the rolls was 430, the average daily attendance being 254. About 11 people daily took advantage of the three reading rooms and 5,581 books were issued from three standing libraries. Boxes of the travelling free library were supplied to 9 centres, the number of books issued from the boxes being 3,872. Six lantern lectures were given on co-operation and other subjects and they were attended by about 700 persons.

TEXTILE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

This scool was able to show satisfactory progress in the year under report. Of the 19 students who appeared for their examinations 18 were successful.

There were two final year students and both of them got through. At the end of the year the total number of students on the roll was 66, the average daily attendance being 53. The Bombay Mill-owners' Association gave much help in popularising the school among the mill-workers and the agents of most of the mills, represented among the students of the school, agreed to pay the regular attendance scholarships to their employees taking advantage of the school.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

The total number of patients treated at the Bachubai Kanji Cursondas Charitable Dispensary for Women and Children was 22,260 (11,704 women and 10,556 children) during the year under report. The patients represented all castes and creeds in the City. On behalf of the Arya Mahila Samaj, Bombay, milk was supplied free to needy mothers and children among the patients at a total cost of Rs. 817-14-0. At the Madanpura Settlement 3,25 poor eye patients were treated free by Dr. S. R. Machave, honorary opthalmic surgeon of the Blind Relief Association. Also sixty poor persons were supplied with glasses free of charges by that Association.

INDUSTRIAL SETTLEMENT AT BELGAUM.

Mr. M. R. Bade, one of the League's life-workers is in charge of the Industrial Settlement (for Criminal Tribes) at Belgaum. During the year under report, the total popultion of the Settlement was 307 as against 226 in 1929. A primary Marathi school was opened in the Settlement in the year under report. The number of children attending day school was 63 as against 35 in the previous year.

Various important workers did very useful work for other institutions such as Released Prisoners' Association Children's Aid Society and Bombay vigilance Association.

WORK IN THE FIELD OF CO-OPERATION.

During the year under report 43 co-operative societies in the City and suburbs of Bombay were working under the supervision of the League. The membership of these societies was 3,587; their working capital was Rs. 1,41,992: share capital, 62,119: and the reserve fund, Rs. 88,196. During the period under report loans amounting to Rs. 93,234; were advanced to needy members and the recoveries amounted to Rs. 88,348. Three new village societies were organized in Kalyan Taluka. The Co-operative societies include two stores, one at Ambernath and the other at Ambur.

RECREATION FOR WORKING CLASSES.

The League maintains an Indian gymnasium which is attached to its Parel Settlement at Chinchpokli. There is a Lathi Club at the Workingmen's Institute. Several dramatic performances and musical concerts were organized at Parel. A fresh air excursion was arranged for the benefit of boys attending one of the League's night schools. The expenses of the excursion were defrayed from the amount of Rs. 75/- received from the "Times of India" for the purpose.

PROPAGANDA WORK.

This consists of (1) arranging lectures on social subjects; (2) conducting the Social Service Quarterly; (3) publishing pamphlets and leaflets on social subjects; (4) maintaining an information Bureau with Register of Charities and Social Work; (5) maintaining a library of books on social subjects; and (6) organizing Social Workers' Training Classes.

FINANCES.

The total receipts during the year under report amounted to Rs. 71,937-13-10 and total payments to Rs. 68,158-0-5.

MARTYRDOM OF HUSSAIN

A Commemoration Volume

The following appeal has been issued:—

In the first week of May 1932 we shall celebrate the 1290th year of the martyrdom of Al-Husain, the hero of Karbala. For the year 1931 a commemoration volume viz. "The Golden Deeds of Imam Husain" was bought out by the Conference in August last. This publication was well received and much appreciated by the press and the public. Being thus encouraged, the Conference has proposed to bring out in April 1932 another volume, of a more comprehensive and representative character than its predecessor.

The life and career of Imam Husain, his heroic martyrdom, his brave defence of Truth against overwhelming odds, his calmness, composure and self-control as well as the great example of his life have materially contributed to the welfare of humanity through the centuries that have elapsed since his martyrdom and will continue doing so in the centuries to come. "In a distinct age and climate," says Gibbon, "the tragic scene of the death of Husain will awaken the sympathy of the coldest readers."

We therefore make an earnest appeal to the friends of humanity supporters of Truth, and admirers of the Great Martyr to assist us in the preparation of the Commemoration Volume by sending to us their articles and poems, dealing with the life, career, mission and achievements of the noble martyr or essays on such subjects as the "ethical and moral aspects of the Karbala tragedy," "The constructive effects of the Karbala tragedy," "The place of Husain in the list of the Benefactors of Mankind," and so on, in order that the same may be included in the volume.

The contributions may be sent in any language according to the choice of the various writers.

The matters will be submitted to the press for printing early in March next but in order to facilitate proper arrangements without involving unnecessary hurry, it is requested that the contributions may be sent, preferably in registered covers, in time so as to reach the Secretary Provincial Shia Conference, Bihar and Orissa Patna City (India), by the end of February, 1932 or earlier if possible.

Yours faithfully,

(Sir) Syed Ali Imam; (Dr. Sir) S. M. Sulaiman; Sachchidanand Sinha; S. Wajid Ali, B.A.; (Dr.) Md. Azimuddin; Syed Ali Haider Taba Tabai; Mohammad Habibullah; (Dr.) Ganga Nath Jha, M.A., LL.D.; Khwaja Kamaluddin B.A., LL.B.; (Khan Bahadur) Sarfraz Husain Khan, Ex-M.L.A.; Syed Ameer Husain (Hyderabad); (Khan Bahadur) Syed Ahmad Ali Khan, Secretary of the Conference, Syed Mustafa Husain Khan, Asst. Secy. of the Conference.

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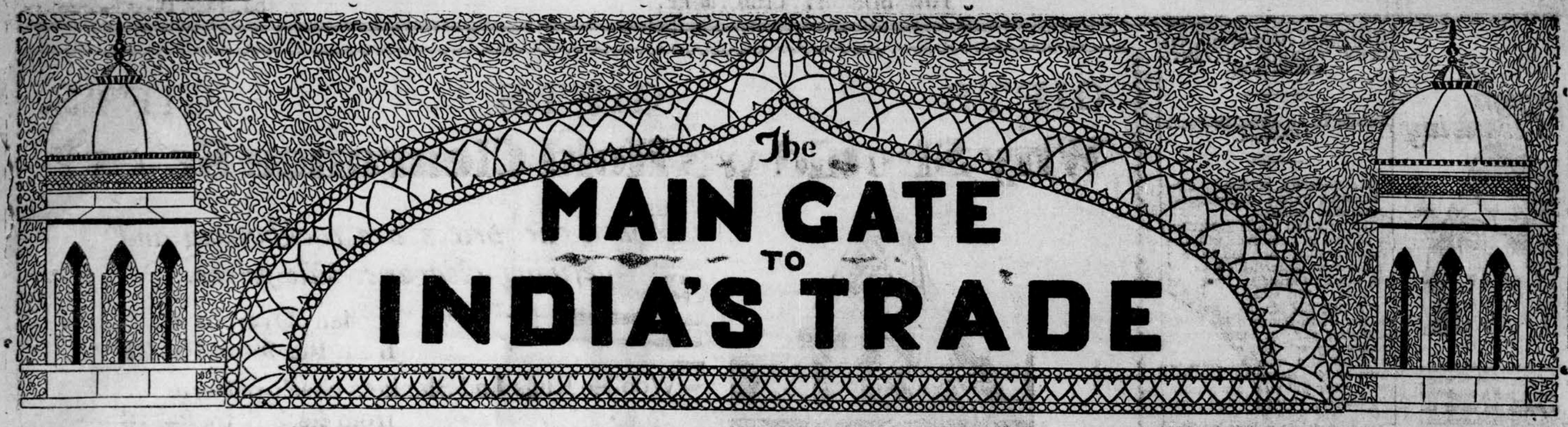

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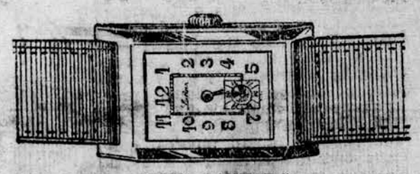

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MAHARAJA OF TIPPERA TO OPEN TAGORE JAYANTI EXHIBITION

Tribute To An Aspect Of Poet's Life-Work

The Secretary, Publicity Sub-Committee, Tagore Septuagenary Celebration writes:—

The Arts and Crafts Exhibition to be held in connection with the Tagore Septuagenary, will be one of the most attractive events of the ensuing Christmas week in Calcutta. The other day at the Town Hall met Mr. Nandalal Bose. Mr. O. C. Ganguly, Dr. Stella Kramrisch and Mr. Surendranath preliminary selection of the pictures collected from all parts of India by Mr. Kedarnath Chatterjee. They will meet again when the hanging of the pictures begins. The town hall has now been turned into a busy bee-hive of workers who, under the direction of Messrs. M. N. De and Co., the well-known picture-framers of Lindsay Street, are fitting the pictures. Several hundreds of the pictures including nearly a couple of hundreds drawn by the Poet himself, are being got ready for exhibition. Besides, all available manuscripts of the Poet's works, their different languages of the world, portraits, sketches and photographs of the Poet at different periods of his life and gifts and presents made to the Poet from different countries of the world will also be shown. There will be other interesting exhibits of crafts which will be shown in special glass-cases lent for the purpose by the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Ltd., who are rendering invaluable help to the organisers not only by supplying materials but also through some of the men in their employ who have been deputed by Mr. Rajshekhar Bose to work for the Septuagenary.

The work of organising the "Mela" is progressing rapidly. Among other things that are going to be shown at the "Mela" are the silver filligree and wood carving from Cuttack, silk, ivory and brass bell-metal from Murshidabad, clay-modelling from Krishnagore, conch-shell work from Dacca, cane work and "sitalpati" from Sylhet and a very interesting collection of textiles from Manipur. Every item of exhibits will have a chart by its side explaining the place and time there and when they once flourished and how they came into decadence. According to the poet's conception, a "Mela" should form an essential part of an Indian festival, and such "Melas" are frequent features of "utsavas" as they are celebrated in his institutions at "Santiniketan" and "Sriniketan". The holding of this "Mela" therefore, will be a tribute to yet another aspect of his life-work.

TIPPERA ROYAL FAMILY INTERESTED.

It is very gratifying to note in this connection that the Jayanti Exhibition and "Mela" will be opened by His Highness the Maharaja of Tippera. The relation of the Tippera House with the Tagore family in general and with Rabindranath in particular, is well-known. The grandfather of the present Maharaja was a personal friend of the poet and long before the poet had known fame the late Maharaja was one of the most ardent admirers of his poetry. In fact His Highness Maharaja Birchandra Manikya Bahadur discerned the genius of the poet when only a couple of books of his had appeared. It was at Agartala under His Highness's distinguished presidency that the Poet made his most remarkable and indeed one of his earliest and most important pronouncements on Indian arts and crafts and duty of the Indian people and Indian States to their revival. It is, therefore, in the fitness of things that the present ruler of the Tippera State should be invited to open the Exhibition—an invitation which His Highness has so graciously accepted.

In order to throw open the Exhibition and "Mela" to all classes of people the Tagore Septuagenary Celebrations Committee have decided to fix annas four only as entrance fee to both.

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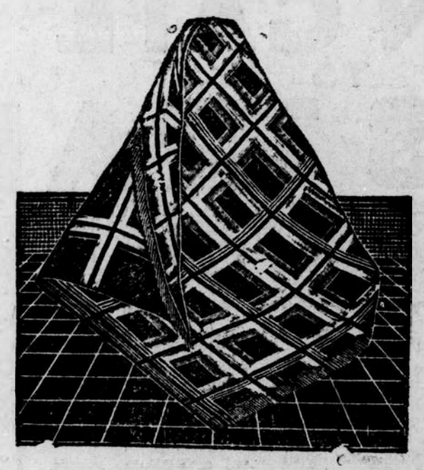

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SIKHS' WELCOME TO MAHATMA.

To welcome Mahatma Gandhi at the Mole station on the 28th instant Sirdar Jamiat Singh will represent the Bombay Sikh Association, Shrimati Amrit Kaur Jamiat Singh will represent Sikh Ladies Dal and Sirdar Trilok Singh will represent the Akali Dal.

SHRADHANAND ANNIVERSARY

A public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 10 p.m. at the Sir Cawasji Jehangir Hall under the presidentship of Sjt. Nagindas Master when Messrs. Panjit Pardhubhai Sharma, Vijayashankar, Morarji Varma will deliver lectures on the life and work of the late Swami Shradhanandji.

Another meeting will be held at Girgaum Khatawmakanji Wadi on Saturday at 5 p.m. under the presidentship of Sjt. Jamnadas Mehta when Dr. Savarkar, Dr. Velkar, Pardhubhai Sharma, Vijayashankerji Pt. Ozhale, Mr. Navare and others will speak on the late Swami Shradhanand and Hindus. All are welcome.

SHRADHANAND WEEK IN SUBURBS.

Under the auspices of the Ghatkoper Congress Committee a public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. in the compound of the Satyagraha Camp, Ghatkoper, to celebrate Shradhanand Day when Sjt. Shankarrao Deo will deliver a lecture.

GARBAS.

Attractive Garbas by Parle and Andheri Ladies will be sung in the Suburban Swadeshi Bazar, Bandra, to-day at 6-15 p.m. Also there will be a variety entertainment by Kolwada Dramatic Union at 8 p.m.

SEND-OFF TO BABULAL SHARMA.

A send-off was given by friends and admirers of Sjt. Babulal Kedarnath Sharma, the Managing Director of Messrs. K. S. Sharma, who sailed for Kobe (Japan) per s. s. "Shanko Maru" on Thursday morning.

BUDDHA SOCIETY.

The usual Firtnightly Class of the Society will be conducted by Prof. N. K. Bhagwat on Sunday (27th instant) at 9-30 a.m. (S. T.) at Anand Vihara, situated at Lamington Road north, next to Bombay Central Station. The subject for the Class will be "The Origin of Buddhist Art".

A PUBLIC MEETING:—Under the auspices of Kalbadevi Swadeshi Pracharak Mandal, a public meeting will be held today (Saturday), at 8-30 p.m. at Bhuleshwar, Kumbhar Tukada, when Sjt. Jamnadas Mehta will preside, other prominent speakers will also speak on Swadeshi and Mahatmaji's reception.

SHRADHANAND MEMORIAL DAY:—The Shradanand Memorial Day will be celebrated by the Port Arya Samaj To-day (Saturday) at 9 a.m. in the Navsari building at the Batliboy's Accoutancy Training Institute Hall, Hornby Road. Mr. Nagindas T. Master will preside.

B. P. ANDHRA SOCIAL CONFERENCE:—The 3rd Bombay Provincial Andhra Social Conference will meet on Saturday (26th instant) at 2 p.m. at the Andhra Club Premises, Dave Building, Dadar, under the presidentship of Sriyut K. Nageswararao Pantulu Garu, Proprietor "Andhra Patrika".

STEAMER MOVEMENTS:—The P. and O. Mail steamer "Strathnaver" with the Mails from Bombay of 19th instant arrived at Aden at noon on the 23rd instant and left there at 4 p.m. the same day.

The Outward P. and O. Mail Steamer "Nurkunda" with the mails from London of the 17th instant arrived at Port Said at 6-30 a.m. on the 23rd instant and left there at 12-30 p.m. the same day.

CALL TO VOLUNTEERS.

All the Captains-in-Charge of the various Band Corps who are participating in Mahatmaji's Reception Programme are requested to be present to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. (S. T.) at the Congress House, to receive instructions.

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Under the auspices of Kalbadevi Swadeshi Pracharak Mandal, a public meeting will be held today (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. at Bhuleshwar Kumbhar Tukda, when Sjt. Jamnadas M. Mehta will preside.

SUBURBAN SWADESHI BAZAAR, BANDRA.

To-day's (Saturday's) programme is a Garba Dance by Andheri Ladies, from 6 to 8 p.m. Drama by Kolwad Union Christians from 8 to 10 p.m.

QUEEN OF BASSEIN.

The Parish Feast of Our Lady of Grace, Papdy, Bassein, will be celebrated on Saturday (26th instant). There was Vespers on the Christmas Day at 7 p.m. The Masses on the Feast Day will be from 5-30 a.m. The High Mass will begin at 10-30 a.m. There will also be a Mass before the shrine of the old statue of Our Lady of Grace. The Queen of Bassein, outside the Church.

An exhibition of the antiques of the Bassein Churches under the auspices of the Bombay Historical Society will be held in the Papdy Church compound the same day i.e., (26th instant) The usual fair in honour of the Queen of Bassein was held on Friday in front of the Church. It will continue to-day (Saturday) and to-morrow (Sunday).

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IN THE SUNDAY CHRONICLE ABOUT

(1) Prominent Russians of Today.
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(8) Sugar-cane under the Deccan Canals.
(9) Revival of Indian Silk Industry.
(10) Motor Anecdotes.
(11) Indian Railways and Roads.
(12) The Relative Influence of Studies.
(13) Few Facts about the Baby.

Besides the usual features "Weekly Causerie," Art Notes and Health Hints.

THE ILLUSTRATIONS.

Review All aspects of National Life.

MUSIC COMPETITION RESULT.

SARASWATI SANGIT VIDYALAYA

The following is the result of the Competition concert held under the auspices of Shree Saraswati Sangit Vidyalaya on 19th December:—

VOCAL MUSIC

Master Ramachandra Vinayak Phadake, Sorab Dinsha Khambata, (3) Fardun Dinsha Khambata. Miss Naragesh Sawaksha Driver, (2) Temina Savaksha Driver, (3) Firni Tarachand.

HARMONIUM:—(1) Harishandra Mehara (2) Harichandra B. Narwekar. (3) Ramachandra G. Haldankar. (4) Purshottam L. Deshpande, (5) Manmohandas T. Shroff, (6) Chandrakant C. Vakil.

HARMONIUM:—(1) Sushilabai Arolkar, (2) Dwarkabai Sathe, (3) Shanta V. Limaye, (Sohanidevi Mehara, (5) Indumati K. Bhogerdikar.

TABLA AND INDIAN ORCHESTRA:—Master Pandurang Kolhakar was the only competitor for the Tabala Competition and Shree Sarasvati Sangit Vidyalaya students for the Indian Orchestra. But as there were no competitors for the abovenamed students and the students of the Vidyalaya, the result is postponed. Any one desirous for the competition should see the Secretary of the Shree Sarasvati Sangit Vidyalaya

A. I. T. U. C. EXECUTIVE MEETING IN BOMBAY

Mr. R. S. Ruiker, President of the All-India Trade Union Congress, appeals to all the affiliated Unions and Office-bearers to make it a point to attend the next Session of the Executive Council which meets in Bombay on the 28th instant and subsequent dates. In his appeal, Mr. Ruiker points out that the agenda of the meeting is very important and the subjects demand serious consideration by the Council at the Bombay meeting. In view of the grave question of retrenchment that is now before the Railway workers in particular, Railwaymen's Unions are specially requested to send at least one delegate from ach Union.

TOMORROW'S FLAG SALUTATION

City And Suburbs Functions

AZAD MAIDAN MEETING AT 8 A.M.

The General Secretaries of the B.P.C.C. write:—

The monthly Flag Salutation Ceremony under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be performed this time on the Azad Maidan on Sunday, the 27th inst. at 8 a.m. (S. T.). Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the President of the Congress will hoist the Flag and thereafter address the volunteers.

All Prabhat Pheries, Volunteer Corps and Special Reception Volunteers enrolled for the purpose of Mahatmaji's welcome shall be present on the Azad Maidan precisely at 7 a.m. (S.T.).

The Reception Volunteers shall put on special badges given to them by the B.P.C.C. Immediately after Sardar's speech, the Member-in-Charge of the Volunteer Board of the B.P.C.C. will given instructions to volunteers as to their duties on the occasion of Mahatmaji's reception. The Captains and Supervisors shall also receive their badges at the meeting.

IN CITY & SUBURBS.

The monthly Flag Salutation Ceremony will also be performed in the following places in the city and suburbs:—

AT "F" (PAREL) WARD.

At Maidan near B.D.D. Chawls Naigam, 8 a.m.

NO CEREMONY IN GIRGAUM WARD.

The Hon. Secretary, Girgaum D. C.C. writes:—

"The usual monthly Flag Salutation Ceremony takes place on Sunday (27th inst.) at Azad Maidan at 8 a.m. (S.T.). This time the function being a central one, so far as the Fort, Mandavi, Bhuleshwar, Girgaum Wards and B. P.C.C. are concerned, there is no separate Flag Salutation ceremony in Girgaum locality. The Prabhat Pheries and all the Volunteers working in the Girgaum Ward are, therefore, requested to be present at the Azad Maidan on Sunday, at 7-30 a.m. Volunteers should be present as special instructions re: the Reception of Mahatmaji next day are to be given at that time.

AT DADAR.

At 8 a.m. on Tilak Maidan. Prabhat Pheries specially called.

AT GHATKOPER.

At Chhavani Maidan, 8 a.m.

AT MATUNGA.

At the Maidan near Nappoo Hall, 8 a.m.

AT BANDRA.

At Old Patkar's Block, Ghodbunder Road, 8 a.m. (Procession after ceremony). Pheries are invited

AT VILE-PARLE.

The programme is thus:—7 a.m. Prabhat Pheries; 8 a.m. Flag Salutation; 8-45 a.m. Muni Nyayavijayji's public lecture.

BOMBAY KERALEEYA SAMAJ.

There will be a social gathering of the members of the Bombay Keraleeya Samaj to-morrow (Sunday) at the C. J. Hall at 4 p.m. (S. T.). Swami Vishwanandа will deliver a lecture on "Unity of Religions" on the occasion. Principal S. R. Davar will preside.

PASSES FOR RECEPTION HALL.

The General Seretaries B.P.C.C. write:—

There being a limited accommodation in the Reception Hall at the Ballard Pier, the issue of admission passes is naturally restricted to prominent and representative public associations. It is impossible to meet the tremendous demand that is coming to the B.P.C.C. Office from all parts of the country. Citizens are hereby requested to join the Reception Volunters Corps and help the B.P.C. in controlling the crowds instead of making a rush for admission passes. The demand from outside Provinces has naturally got to be met first since people will be coming from long distance to hase the "Darshan" of Mahatmaji. The volunteers lining the route will get the best advantage of having the "Darshan" from very close distance. We hereby appeal to the public to join the volunteer army in large numbers.

BOMBAY, Dec. 25.

The District Traffic Superintendent, Trichy Junction, S. I. Railway, wires:

The line between Uttangalmangalam and Kurinjipadi has been restored and through running resumed at 8 hours to-day, the 25th instant, on the Vridhachalam-Cuddalore section.—A. P.

"Completion Of R. T. C. Work Is True Cure For Troubles In India"

ROUND TABLERS ISSUE STATEMENT

Scant Reference To Reality Of Situation In Country

BOMBAY, Dec. 25.

Eighteen out of the 20 delegates to the Indian Round Table Conference, who arrived by the Mailboat S.S. "Mantua" to-day have issued the following joint statement to the Press:—

Several of us have, in their individual capacities, issued their statements on the work of the Round Table Conference, but we desire now to state collectively what, in our opinion, has been the result of the last session of the said Conference.

Shortly after our arrival, His Majesty's Government decided to make an appeal to the country, and although the work of the Federal Structure Committee was not interrupted, yet there is no doubt that it had to proceed slowly owing to the calls which the exigencies of a General Election make upon the time and attention of the Government and the public.

MINORITY QUESTION

Another circumstance which, we regret to say, materially tended to impede the progress of the work and at one time threatened the very existence of the Conference, was the infructuous character of the prolonged negotiations in connection with the question of the minorities including Depressed Classes, the settlement of which is necessary for real progress.

Notwithstanding all these handicaps, we are of the opinion that the Federal Structure Committee, acting under the wise and sympathetic guidance of Lord Sankey, was able to accomplish work of no inconsiderable value.

OUTSTANDING RESULT.

The outstanding result of the Conference is that the National Government which consists of representatives of all the three political parties in England endorsed the declaration of the Prime Minister of January last, which he had made as the head of the Socialist Government and this in its turn has been endorsed by an overwhelming majority of the House of Commons and also by the House of Lords, so that it is now the time to say that the Parliament stands committed to the policy of:

(1) An All-India Federation,
(2) Responsibility at the Centre with safeguards and
(3) The autonomy of the provinces as part of a single whole.

The working out of this policy in its details necessarily involves the examination of a considerable mass of material, the adjustment of some outstanding questions connected with the Indian States, and the determination of the principles and quantum of franchise. Not less important than any of these questions will be the definition of safeguards, for which the necessity is acknowledged, but their character and their extent remain yet to receive their final shape and it is our conviction that given goodwill and a true appreciation of the needs of the country, it is not only possible but highly probable that the safeguards which may ultimately be adopted in the interests of India will be compatible with genuine responsibility and will hasten the attainment by India of the same status and political structure as that of self-governing Dominions.

PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY.

We desire to point out that some of us were and are of the opinion that mere Provincial Autonomy as divorced from Responsibility at the Centre would not be acceptable to the vast majority of the people and would, apart from the fact that it could not in our opinion, be genuine autonomy, retard the establishment of responsibility at the Centre, and we, accordingly, attach no small importance to the fact that His Majesty's Government have recognised the demand for simultaneous advance at the Centre and in the Provinces.

TRIBUTE TO PREMIER.

The Prime Minister, to whose statesmanship we desire to pay a tribute, has now set up a machinery for the completion of the work. The venue of the work has for the time being been transferred to India, and we are anxious that the Committee, the appointment of which was announced by the Prime Minister should begin to work without the loss of time. We very strongly hope and trust that their terms of reference will be very liberal, so as to admit of the discussion of the outstanding questions relating to the character and composition of the Legislatures, the responsibility of the Executive, the powers and functions of the Federal and Supreme Court, the nature and extent of the safeguards, and the various problems relating to the Army in India. We also express the hope that it may be possible for Lord Sankey to come out and to start the work and that in any case His Majesty's Government will soon send out a delegation of Parliamentarians and experts who will assist at the completion of the work that remains yet to be completed.

R.T.C. HAS NOT FAILED.

Having regard to the situation in India—some features of which we sincerely deplore—we are of opinion that not only should the Committees start their work at an early date, but they should complete it with all possible expedition within the next few months, so as to enable action being taken in Parliament at a very early date. Notwithstanding much that there is in the situation in India to cause anxiety, we are distinctly of opinion that the true cure for the troubles in India is the speedy completion of the work of the Round Table Conference. We are further of opinion that the Conference plan has not only not failed, but that it has reached a stage, when it lies in our hands to make it yield the desired result.

Before concluding, we desire to emphasise the need of a settlement by mutual agreement of the problem of the minorities including the Depressed Classes in a just and generous manner, and we sincerely hope and trust that steps may soon be taken by responsible leaders to bring about such a settlement so as to secure in the further work of the Round Table Conference the fullest co-operation of all the communities.—A.P.

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20 PERCENT INCREASE

In Production Of Khadi

A COMPARATIVE STUDY.

The Secretary, All-India Spinners' Association writes:—

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Statement of Khadi Production in Sq. yards.

S. No.	Name	1929-30	1930-31
1	Assam	nil	nil.
2	Andhra	1486739	1492925
3	Behar	979440	941193
4	Bengal	854939	794542
5	Gujarat	78427	174047
6	Karnatak	201573	437329
7	Kashmir	167137	105834
8	Maharashtra	278038	343123
9	Punjab	771045	768050
10	Rajasthan	1259219	1108980
11	Sind		
12	Tamilnad and Kerala	3373980	5581937
13	U.P. & Delhi	2102795	2017600
14	Utkal	123598	134760
	Total	11676930	13900340

It will be seen from the above figures that not only has the ground gained in 1929-30 been maintained but there has also been an increase of nearly 20 per cent. in the quantity of production.

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IN THE VANGUARD

The first number of the "Indian Vanguard," published this week, is clearly indicative of the advancement which the young aspire and seek. Neither the aspirations nor the search to which the Indian Youth is pledged in service could be a secret. They have been for some time articulate. They have been known and tolerated. They have been admired for their ardent enthusiasm. But the "Indian Vanguard," judged by the contents of its first number, goes many paces forward. The young in India are not, evidently, satisfied with making their existence known and their presence felt. It is not enough for them to be tolerated or admired for their ardour or enthusiasm Their progressive ideas and ideals shall be made known and made effective, accepted and respected as well. And, it is one of the manifest features of this journal that it should have achieved, in printing and display, the sense for the fitness of things so utterly lacking in the bulk of the periodicals published in this country.

The concise manner in which most of the writers have expressed their views may be taken as another of its distinguishing marks But the most welcome feature of this new journal is the recognition of the oft-overlooked fact, the fact that India is not and cannot live as an isolated country, and that the phenomenon of National Reconstruction is a manifold venture

"The International Section" and the section assigned to the review of books will, it should be hoped, enable readers of the journal informative and fruitful contact with current progressive ideas and activities abroad. The articles on "The Muslim Myth," by Mr. Usuf Meherally, the editor, "The Treason of the Indian Intellectuals" by Mr. K. F. Nariman "The Big Push of Capitalism," by Mr. J. J. Vakil "The Indian Currency Crisis" and, finally the article entitled "Where Are you going My Pretty Maid" by Srimati Kamladevi Chattopadhyaya are all suggestive of the manifold aspects of National Reconstruction. Srimati Kamladevi Chattopadhyaya's question is a question long overdue. The "enlightened" women who have been hitherto accustomed to flourish with their "University stamp" must now recognise their social and national responsibilities.

The prominence given to the art supplement, containing some of Syt. Kanu Desai's well-known silhouettes and an article about the artist by Syt. K. H. Vakil, should also be indicative of the wide outlook of those responsible for this journal.

Too often the task of National Reconstruction is reduced to humouring national sentimentality. Occasionally, the reconstruction, when it is accomplished, is unrelated to nationwide aspirations. It is top-sided. Let us hope that "Indian Vanguard" will help to re-build the nation from all points of its compass.

K. H. V.

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BID FOR A CRISIS.

Many months ago Mr. Wedgwood Benn, who was then the Secretary of State for India said that Dominion Status in action had already begun in India. Now that he is in the Opposition, he would, probably, say that the statement was made with certain reservations. More recently Lord Willingdon professed to be looking forward to a time when he would be a Constitutional Governor-General in India. But that too must have been said with certain reservations. In any case, we are now having "Dominion Status in action" in grim earnest. Lord Willingdon, who, the other day shed such crocodile tears about the stern necessity of issuing Ordinances, has now hurled three Ordinances at the Frontier Province, as if challenging the brave people of that province to face this triple-barrelled gun, if they dared. And not content with it, he has revived the obnoxious Regulation 3 of 1818 to deport Khan Abdul Gaffar and his lieutenants. That then is the first instalment of Reforms for the Frontier Province in terms of a British promise.

The three latest Ordinances combine the rigours of both the Bengal and U.P. Ordinances and contain some new provisions which are atrocious. Such, for instance, are the provisions which give the Local Government power to control the supply of commodities of general use and to "regulate utility services like Posts, Telegraphs, and Railways." It may be noted that this includes power to cut off supplies of light and water. The world has, perhaps, yet to see how far British Government in India is capable of going in attempting to crush the Congress movement for freedom. It is now clear as daylight that while pretending to protect Zamindars or officials, or the public in general, officialdom is out to suppress the Congress Movement. As for the Truce between the Congress and the Government, it lies, at least, in the Ordinance Provinces, hacked to pieces. The declaration as unlawful of all Congress Committees in the Frontier Province and all their Volunteer Organisation is a virtual declaration of war on the Congress!

The Chief Commissioner of the Frontier Province has sought to justify the action taken against the Congress by issuing a inordinately lengthy and laboured statement trying to make out that the Congress organisation in the Province and their leader Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, have long been a menace to the public peace. Exaggerations, half-truths, and misrepresentation have been so common in similar official statements made to justify similar official high handedness, that the people will certainly make the necessary allowances in interpreting the present statement. When these allowances are duly made, there is nothing in what the Frontier Congress Committees or their accredited leader have been alleged to have said or done that can justify the present war on the Committees or even the charge that the Committees are a menace to public peace. If any individuals or Committees really said or did anything really wrong, the common laws, even without being abused as they are, would have sufficed to bring them to book. The Chief Commissioner complains that the Khan Saheb has again and again called upon his people to fight for Complete Independence under the Congress Flag. Surely, there is nothing wrong in this, so long as the people are asked to fight non-violently. And we know that the Khan Saheb has always preached Non-Violence. It is also said against him that he called upon his people to be prepared for the worst and actually enlisted and trained thousands of non-violent volunteers. The Khan Saheb only did his duty And the official policy now is but a full justification of his foresight and precautions. India cannot be too grateful to him for his ceaseless, earnest and successful efforts to popularise the Congress and its policy among her brave sons of the Frontier. The Chief Commissioner's long statement is itself a certificate to the excellent work achieved by the Khan Saheb, a worthy follower of Mahatma Gandhi. Indeed so thorough have been his precautions that the present desperate attempts of Government to crush the Congress organisation in the Frontier Province are foredoomed to failure. The unmerited sufferings of the Congress workers there will only endear the Congress to the people all the more. Equally foredoomed to failure are the desperate methods of persecution that are pursued at Etawah, Rohtak, Pabna, Dacca, Calcutta and numerous other places, in the stricken provinces. There is but one end to Freedom's battle once begun. The Ordinance Rule in Bengal, the U.P. and the N.-W. F. Provinces clearly indicates the policy of the Government dominated as it is by the Conservatives. It is to force upon India mock constitutional reforms by eliminating the Congress. The bureaucracy in India, which has been consulted, evidently, imagines that the Congress opposition can be destroyed by Ordinances and Regulations. It has yet to learn that to seek to eliminate the Congress is like seeking to eliminate India.

DRIVE AGAINST THE CONGRESS

An Associated Press message from Lucknow states on "facts gathered from authoritative quarters" that "while rent collection is still slow there has been definite improvement". The authorities emphasize that "owing to the late monsoon which has done a certain amount of damage to crops, collections would have been less prompt than usual". In other words "authorities" make the indirect admission that rents come in slowly because of the damage to crops. The U. P. peasant. it is, thus, evident, does not pay, because he cannot pay. But the drive against the Congress continues through an Ordinance meant for the purpose of crushing the Congress movement. Even the meagre reports available from the United Provinces show that the powers conferred upon the bureaucracy under the Ordinance are being grossly misused. But propaganda is considered to be very necessary as an ancillary means in this drive against the Congress. From Allahabad is poured out a daily dose of misrepresentation and vilification of the Congress attitude. The special correspondent of the "Times of India" is busy ravestying the Congress position and in his despatch of Thursday he has made a ridiculous attempt to drag in Gandhiji as the instigator of the campaign. That Congress journals in North India should borrow from "Young India" interviews given by Gandhiji in London is considered a rank offence and a sentence of his in one of the interviews is singled out as proof of his anxiety to expropriate all landlords. Gandhiji said: "I am inviting them (the landlords) to act as trustees, that is owners, not in their own rights but owners in the rights of those whom they have exploited". The successive improvements in the Tenancy Laws, inadequate though they have proved, undertaken by the U. P. Government itself are in themselves a clear indication that U. P. officialdom felt the necessity, when public pressure could not be ignored, of reminding the landlords that their function was not merely to exact revenue. But Government cannot demand a better treatment from the zamindar of his tenants because its own scale of revenue demand both from its direct tenants and from the zamindars was becoming progressively exorbitant. Was not Sir Malcolm Hailey obliged to confess in regard to the whole problem: "If we are to attempt a really satisfactory solution we ought to approach the question of rentals indepedently of the effect on revenue"? It is Government's indifference to the necessity of facing this problem that has aggravated the economic crisis, not the demand of the Congress that the peasants' condition needs immediate and adequate relief.

STANDING BY THE CAUSE

Assurance of full support to the Congress was expressed by the Sugar Merchants' Association on Thursday evening, when a deputation from the Nationalist Muslim Party met the members of the Association. The speeches delivered by Mr. Jagjivan Ujamsi and Sheth Mahomed Wali Mahomed Patel, who presided over the gathering, indicate that this influential body of Bombay's businessmen is determined to stand by the nation in its struggle for freedom. We have no doubt that the business community all over India will adopt the same patriotic attitude as Bombay's sugar merchants and that the rumoured visit of a group of Bengali merchants to Bombay to implore Mahatmaji to change his outlook, of which mention was made by the "Times of India", may lead to a better understanding and appreciation of Gandhiji's policy, if the visit does materialise itself Sheth Mahomed Patel rightly emphasized at Thursday's gathering the necessity of binding closer the ties of amity that unite Hindus and Muslims, despite occasional misunderstandings, and declared that it was the duty of merchants "to study the movement for freedom of their country and to do whatever they could to attain that object." During the national struggle of last year Indian businessmen showed their active sympathy with the national demand for freedom and Sheth Mahomed Patel's speech is a welcome indication that they continue to stand by the country's cause.

Trifles

You will be delighted to learn to-day how the Spirit of Peace and Good-will which should mark Christmas festivity will no longer be disturbed in India. There was considerable apprehension in their Trustees' minds on this score as they anxiously watched the situation on the Frontier.

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But just in time a wise and far-seing Government took effective measures and it is hoped the Spirit of Evil will be conquered and on the Frontier wherever the white man goes he will be greeted again with low 'Salaams' and told that as a "Protector of the Poor" nobody can surpass him.

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Who is this Spirit of Evil? Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, of course Ordinances and Regulations are the blessings of British Rule in India and as a Christmas present three Ordinances have been issued and Regulation 3 of 1818 applied for the special comfort of the Khan and his movement.

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What did he do? Oh, many things, all tending to subvert the peace, destroy the prosperity of the Frontier and encroach upon the Pathan's liberty to pay uncomplainingly whatever water rate and whatever revenue the "Sarkar" demanded.

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After all the pen is mightier than the sword. The gallant Lt.-Colonel who is Chief Commissioner of the N. W. F. Provinces has issued a long philippic denouncing the Khan and his works. Copious summaries of it cabled out to British papers should prove a solace to many of India's Trustees "at home", encouraging them to believe that with the departure of that wobbly Wedgwood Benn from Indian Office resolute rule is to be established again in India, and particularly on the Frontier.

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Many are the sins of Khan Abdur Gaffar Khan

Item. He did not attend the Chief Commissioner's Durbar. He was "invited" but understood that it was really an invitation and not a warrant from Authority to present himself to listen to the order d.c.a of Authority.

Item—In a speech he had said: "We have two purposes, firstly, to free our country and secondly to feed the hungry and clothe the naked."

This was preposterous. India is already free. Her "delegates" sit at the Geneva League table along with those of other nations. If she wants more "freedom", the Trustees are delighted to consider the question and are busy taking steps in that direction. For the Frontier Province in particular, so great is their anxiety to confer "freedom" that it was announced in the Durbar which the Khan did not attend that the Province would soon be "a Governor's Province".

As regards "feeding the hungry and clothing the naked," the "Sarkar" has throughout been tireless in its efforts in that direction, although Gandhiji's sartorial tastes cripple the good work of the "Sarkar".

Need I add that one of Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan's greatest sins is to declare himself and his Red Shirts followers of the Congress?

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"The farce of digging up gold from the earth expensively, transporting it expensively, and interring it expensively in the vaults of Wall Street cannot go on for ever." A London correspondent to the "Times of India".

America will not mind if the "farce" does continue. It does not find the interment in Wall Street vaults an expensive process.

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How accurate in their analysis are our philosophers! The President of the All-India Philosophical Congress at Patna said that the R. T. C. only a process in the "Spatio-temporal". About the evanscent character of the London show everybody is now agreed. But it is good to learn from the high authority of a philosopher that it was all 'en l'air

BRITISH FINANCIAL CRISIS.

CAUSES ANALYSED

(By OUR FINANCIAL CRITIC.)

Several writers have pointed out the financial aspects of the departure of England from the gold standard and attributed it to the vast volume of her frozen assets and the amount of foreign funds in London which could be withdrawn at short notice. This is true but the real trouble was the industrial and national deterioration which brought about that distrust of London which made the foreign funds seek redemption. This deterioration is evidenced in the loss of several markets during recent years and the narrowing of existing ones and, in spite of the fact that Britain is a large lender of money for which she receives interest in gold, her balance of trade has not been encouraging. The following figures will illustrate this point:—

Balance of payments in millions of pounds.

	1924	1927	1930
Excess of imports of merchandise	324	390	392
Government receipts from abroad	25	1	21
Net shipping income	140	140	105
Net income from investments abroad	220	285	235
Net income from interest e.c.	60	63	65
Net receipts from other sources	15	15	15
Total receipts	410	504	431
Credit balance	86	114	39

SHARE OF WORLD-TRADE.

It is not merely in the value of her exports that Britain's position has deteriorated as a result of the trade depression, but in her relative importance.—

Percentage of world exports by value.

	1913	1924	1927	1929
United Kingdom	13.09	13.00	11.00	10.08
United States	13.63	16.05	15.02	15.08

This relative superiority of the United States shows the difficulty facing England and the rest of the debtor nations in making payments for interest and other obligations to the United States. The growth of economic nationalism finding expression in protectionist tariffs has become exaggerated in the case of the United States and the financial centre has also been slowly shifting from London to New York through the inability of debtors to pay even the interest. But the world-wide tariffs have resulted in Britain losing her exports. She has had to live on imports which could not be curtailed to meet the fall in exports and the balance of trade has been met by living on the old capital.

HASTY RETURN TO GOLD.

The return to the gold standard in 1925 was far too hasty a decision and the high incidence of resulting taxation has been a heavy drag on industries. Unemployment increased steadily and this meant larger amount spent on the "dole" as shown by the figures below:—

(UNEMPLOYMENT FUND YEAR ENDING MARCH.)

Year	Unemployed In July	Insurance income.
1929	1,333,611	£43,199,800
1929	1,344,220	£42,309,292
1930	2,499,780	£50,367,395
1931	2,644,889	£65,205,000

Year	Expenditure	Debt of fund.
1928	42,77,616	24,680,000
1929	53,693,356	35,960,000
1930	53,397,496	38,950,000
1931	101,330,000	73,620,000

This increased expenditure on unemployment insurance was not met by higher taxation but

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THE AGRARIAN SITUATION

WANTED A MORATORIUM

(BY G. K. N.)

An Indian Liberal, convinced and upright, finds himself in an unusually difficult position vis-a-vis the present distress among the peasantry of India. He runs the risk of either being dubbed a "flunkey" of Government or lays himself open to the charge of assuming the colours of the Bolsheviks. I will try to avoid both the Scylla and the Charybdis,—both anti-polar views

MR. BRAILSFORD'S INVESTIGATIONS.

The distress among the agriculturists is very real, very acute and very loudly calling for immediate amelioration. It is the misfortune of the peasantry, 80 per cent. of India's population, that very few honestly Moderate publicists, excepting "Servants of India" have closely interested themselves in their piteous lot. We have a few genuine friends in the ranks of the Britishers, whose bonafides we have no doubt to suspect. One such is Mr. H. N. Brailsford (pace friend Saklatwala). His study of the condition of the tillers of India's soil is deeper than any I have read and more convincing because of the unadulterated varieties which alone he handles. He dismisses the ante-diluvian remedies and shows that the arm-chair homilies about asking the urban population to go "back to the land" is so much talk about knowledge.

PEASANTS' GRAVE PIGHT.

The remedy sought by the Congress leaders, I fear, would prove worse than the disease. The peasantry already in the frying pan will be pushed into the consuming fire below. The resources of the Government are crippled because land revenue is seriously diminished. They insist on exacting the dues from the peasant though we must admit that large scale remissions have been announced on their part. On the other hand, the most deplorable position of the agriculturist one may convince oneself of, by a tour of the affected areas. The peasant simply has not in the majority of cases the wherewithal to pay even the reduced governmental demand if he means to keep his body and soul together. That in a nutshell is the situation. You cannot expect to draw water by repeated lowering of the bucket into the well, which is dry. The more you attempt to milk a cow that is dry, the sooner you bring it to death's door.

APPEAL TO CAESAR.

The only problem is to ponder whether under the present circumstances Government might not be further induced by the petitions, yes I say by our old methods of petitions, gro-

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NOTES OF THE DAY.

"Desperately Poor."

Emily Jackson, writing in the "Empire Review" under the caption, "Some Problems Of Village India," and referring to the various achievements of the Nationalist movement, says: "During the last few years also, partly as a result of the Nationalist movement, attention has been directed towards the development of cottage industries. This is a step in the right direction. The village farmer is desperately poor. The seasons are erratic, there are weeks when he is forced to be idle. An industry that can be carried on at home, such as spinning or weaving, may just be what is required to raise the economic status of his family above the poverty line." The above does not adequately describe the desperate condition of the farmer. The writer does not state that the desperately poor farmers are to be counted in tens of millions, that they are forced to be idle for months and not weeks, and that despite the undoubted utility of cottage industries, there is little chance of any appreciable number of farmers rising above the poverty line so long as Government's ruinous land revenue policy and exchange policy remain unchanged.

Perverse.

The Pudukottah Durbar's refusal of permission to put up a portrait of Pundit Motilal Nehru in the local Town Hall is a perverse misuse of authority. It is all the more perverse because the Durbar had not to pay a pie for the portrait and the cost of the Hall itself was largely met from public subscriptions. However, such misuse of authority may strengthen people's resolve not to vest too much power in unelected persons or bodies. It should also be possible for the people of the State to concert measures to compel the Durbar to remove the silly ban on the portrait of a patriot whose greatness and popularity Emperors would envy.

Dignity of Labour.

The enterprise of Mr. Anil Goswami, a young Bengali graduate of an English University working as a shoe-black just to demonstrate to young India the dignity of labour is reported to have induced Mr. Hasan Imam of Patna to promote a big scheme of an agricultural colony for young Biharies willing to take up agricultural work. Mr. Hasan Imam has made an offer of 40,000 acres of land in the district of Shahabad for the scheme. It is not certain whether Mr. Goswami would join the scheme but his excellent example may induce many Bengalis and Biharies to work it up to success so as to inspire many more Indian educated men to take to agriculture and such other pursuits. It may also be hoped that the generous example of Mr. Hasan Imam may induce many more zamindars to offer lands to the educated people on easy terms.

Popularising Hindi.

The report of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras, for the years 1927-31 bears full testimony to the splendid pioneer work done by the Sabha in popularising Hindi in South India. Since its inception thirteen years ago the Sabha has, through its various centres of work, imparted a working knowledge of Hindi to 3 lakhs of men of whom about 10,000 persons have passed the Sabha's various examinations. The Sabha has published about 4 lakhs of Hindi readers and is now maintaining ten centres of work under its direct control, besides about 150 aided by it. We are glad to learn that attempts are being made by some Hindi lovers in Bombay to found a similar institution to spread a working knowledge of Hindi in this presidency. Its organisers and sympathisers held a meeting recently to inaugurate the Institution and chalk out a programme for the immediate future. We wish the venture every success and hope that teachers will interest themselves particularly in the movement.

GANDHIJI RECEPTION PROGRAMME

Call To Volunteers And Appeal To The Public.

The following complete and final programme for the reception to Mahatma Gandhi on Monday next, has been issued to the Press by the General Secretaries, Bombay P.C.C.

S.eamer "Pilsna" is timed to arrive in the Port a little before 8 in the morning. Precisely at 8 a.m. (S.T.) it will be drawn in alongside of the wharf at the Ballard Pier. Two steam launches with Desh Sevikas carrying National Flags and singing National tunes will go into the open sea early in the morning and escort "Pilsna" into the harbour from the Prong Island to the Ballard Pier.

SEVIKAS' GUARD OF HONOUR.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sjt. K.F. Nariman, members of the Working Committee and other prominent citizens representing various interests and communities will go on board the ship and receive Mahatma Gandhi. At 8-10 a.m. Mahatmaji will be escorted to the Reception Hall at the Ballard Pier where he will be given a guard of honour by Sevikas.

IN RECEPTION HALL.

In the Reception Hall, the programme will begin with a welcome song by a batch of young girls. This will be followed by a number of public associations offering garlands to Gandhiji. Programme inside the Hall will end with "Vande Matram."

FLORAL GREETINGS FROM AIR

Two aeroplanes will escort the s.s. "Pilsna" from some distance into the sea. They will make their floral offerings to Mahatmaji as soon as he gets out of the main gate. They will swoop down and by lowering a parachute throw the flowers on Mahatmaji's carriage.

THE ADVANCE GUARD.

Exactly at 9 a.m. (S.T.) Mahatmaji will get into the special carriage drawn by two horses. The party going with Mahatmaji will be arranged as follows:—

At some distance in front there will be the pilot car with Sjt. Purshottam Trikamdas, Member-in-Charge, in it, it will be followed by mounted 'sowar' bearing a tri-colour Flag, the country's standard. After that there will be three motor cars in which will be seated the members of the Working Committee and other prominent Congressmen. Then will come the central carriage in which Mahatmaji will seat along with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. This carriage will be followed by three other cars also carrying the members of the Working Committee and prominent guests. The pilot car will signal the arrival of the party.

PROCESSION ROUTE.

The following is the route:—

Ballard Pier Road, Sir Phirozeshah Mehta Road, Bazaar Gate Street, Bori Bunder, Crawford Market, Sheikh Memon Street, Mangaldas Market, Mulji Jetha Market, Jhaveri Bazaar, Marwari Bazaar, Bhuleshwar, Girgaum Back Road, Sandhurst Road, Lamington Road, Grant Road, Harvey Road, Laburnam Road to Mani Bhuvan.

Mahatmaji with his party will reach Mani Bhuwan at about 10-15 a.m. (S.T.). Throughout the morning he will be keeping silence, breaking it at noon time.

AZAD MAIDAN MEETING.

Precisely at 5 in the afternoon, Mahatmaji will address a mass meeting on the Azad Maidan. He will sit on a raised dais on the other side of the Waudby Road. Arrangements have been made by the Chicago Telephone & Radio Company to spread his voice all over the Maidan even to the farthest corners by means of loud speakers. There will be a special enclosure reserved for ladies and another enclosure for guests. Volunteers are expected to be on duty from 2 p.m. (S.T.). Public are requested to sit in their places and not make a rush for a front seat. The entrance to the ladies' enclosure will be from the side opposite Corporation Building and from Waudby Road. The pass-holders should enter from the Fountain end of the Waudby Road. After the meeting is over ladies should be allowed to go first.

Holders of the admission passes for the Reception Hall at the Ballard Pier should better be in their places at 6 in the morning. Delay in their arrival would mean considerable inconvenience to them.

APPEAL TO PUBLIC.

Except pass-holders very few people will be allowed to enter the Green Gate (Ballard Pier). We, therefore, earnestly appeal to the public not to crowd the Ballard Pier which will upset all arrangements and cause inconvenience to all. Instead people should stand all along the route which is almost three miles on both sides of the Volunteers' lines. Rush and confusion ought to be avoided at any cost if the programme is to be successfully gone through. Any attempt at provocation coming from whatever quarters must be met with perfect peace and discipline. The responsibility of the success of the programme is on the shoulders of the citizens of Bombay, and we are confident that the citizens will ably acquit themselves of it and maintain the reputation which they hold.

RECEPTION TO MAHATMAJI

Depressed Classes Institute's Letter To B. P. C. C.

The Secretary, Depressed Classes' Institute, has sent a letter to the Secretary, B.P.C.C., regarding a news published in the Press on 23rd inst. that "members of the Depressed Classes will be coming from all parts of the country in large numbers to welcome Mahatmaji on his return, and to show their faith in him." It states that some of the followers of Dr. Ambedkar wanted to show their resentment against Gandhiji's attitude at the R.T.C. by making hostile demonstrations on the latter's return, but the idea was abandoned. If the above news be true, it is an open challenge to the followers of Dr. Ambedkar. By taking advantage of the reception to be given to Gandhiji, the Congress seems to create an impression that the majority of the Depressed Classes are with Mahatmaji and against Dr. Ambedkar.

It further states that it is proposed by Dr Ambedkar's followers to accept the challenge given by the Congress Committee and to demonstrate, at the time of Gandhiji's return on Monday next that excepting a minority, the whole community of Untouchables is at the back of Dr. Ambedkar and support the demands made by him on behalf of the Depressed Classes.

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AHMEDABAD'S RECEPTION

Call For Volunteers

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 25.

Mr. Arjunlal Lala, Secretary of the City Congress Committee, has called for five thousand volunteers for arranging a fitting reception to Mr. Gandhi when he visits Ahmedabad.—A. P.

"Depressed" Classes Proclin Faith In Mahatma

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 25

Intimation has been received here that Associations of the depressed classes from several places in Gujarat have sent telegrams to the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, expressing their complete faith in Mr. Gandhi and wishing to participate in the reception to him when he lands in Bombay.—A. P.

HOW TAMIL NADU WILL GREET GANDHIJI

MADRAS, Dec. 25.

The Tamil Nadu Provincial Congress Committee, at a meeting this morning, unanimously decided to recommend Mr. C. Rajagopalachari for the Presidentship of the Puri Congress. By a majority the Committee decided that Congressmen might contest, and capture seats in local bodies during the ensuing elections.

Another resolution requested people to celebrate Mr. Gandhi's return after streenuous work for India in Europe by holding all-party meetings on the 28th December, and hoisting the national flag on houses and at public places.—A. P.

MEMORIAL TO SOLDIERS OF FREEDOM

MADRAS, Dec. 25.

Before a large gathering at Congress House this morning, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, President of the Provincial Congress Committee, unveiled a memorial in the shape of a flag staff in memory of the services rendered by volunteers during the last Satyagraha campaign. It will be recalled that the erection of a suitable memorial was urged at meetings shortly after the Delhi Pact in a resolution moved by Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyengar, Editor of "The Hindu". Mr. Rajagopalachariar, in a short speech to-day, declared that the memorial would be a permanent reminder of the glorious contribution of volunteers during the last campaign and would serve as an inspiration during the struggle that might be ahead.—A. P.

Andhra Delegation

BEZWADA, Dec. 25.

The Andhra Provincial Congress Committee is sending a delegation of twenty members to Bombay to participate in the reception organised for Mr. Gandhi. —A. P.

A WELCOME COLLABORATION

TO RECEIVE GANDHIJI AT THE MOLE.

Amongst the numerous groups and association joining the reception at the Mole Hall on 28th. there will be a group of Parsee friends and admirers of Mahatma Gandhi They will include Mr. Kekobad Adenwalla, Mr. F. S. Talyarkhan, Mr. D. N. Bhadurji, Prof. S. R. Davar, Mr. A. K. R. P. Shroff, President, Share-Brothers' Association, Mr. A. D. Shroff, Economist, Mr E. R. Heerji Behedin, Mr. K. K. Suntoke. Dr. K. K. Dadachanji and one or two ladies. The number had to be restricted for limited accommodation in the Hall.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi will represent the All-India Nationalist Muslim Party, Bombay Branch.

Besides all other communities including the Nationalist Christian and various representatives Institutions of Depressed classes have also arranged for similar silent but sincere floral reception.

INCESSANT DEMAND FOR PASSES.

The Secretaries of the B.P.C.C. announce under date 25th December, that there has been an incessant demand for passes for Mahatmaji's Reception at the Mole. They have tried to meet the applications received hitherto to the full capacity of the Hall but regret to state that further accommodation is not possible. Institutions who have applied so far, are requested to call at the Congress House and receive their passes the latest by Saturday evening.

WELCOME PLACARDS:—Placards welcoming Mahatma Gandhi to be put on house, motor-cars and taxies are available at the Congress House. They are sold at the rate of one anna each. Car owners and other citizens are requested to take them immediately as only a limited number is available.

ORDINANCE RULE SET IN MOTION

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reorganise as the virtual dictator of Youth League as an integral part of the All-India Congress Organisation under the name of the Frontier Provincial Jirga (Privincial Congress Committee). It is this period which marks the beginning of that fresh phase of his activities which has now culminated in action which Government have been compelled to take. Tours have been undertaken by Abdul Gaffar Khan throughout Peshawar District, the chief object of which has been to prepare his followers for the renewal of the struggle which he repeatedly declared to be imminent in the course of these tours. Abdul Ghaffar Khan at a meeting at Rustam in Mardan Sub-division, on 1st November urged his audience to the disobedience of orders under Section 144, that had recently been applied in that area. His speeches have been marked by increasingly inflamatory, seditious and racial tone.

At a meeting at Rustam, on 1st November he declared that the aim and object of his organisation was to liberate the country from foreign yoke. The country was theirs, while English were enjoying themselves. They were being flogged for the only fault that they wished to see their country free.

SPEECH MADE AT BEKI.

Again at a meeting held at Beki, in Mardan sub-division, on 12th December after the Prime Minister's announcement of 1st December that a reformed constitution of a Governor's Province would be introduced immediately into the North-West Frontier Province, Abdul Ghaffar Khan left his audience in no doubt as to the task which he at all events regarded as facing them. He said "We have two purposes, firstly, to free our country and, secondly, to feed the hungry and clothe the naked Do not rest until freedom is won. It does not matter if you are blown up with guns, bombs, etc. If you are brave, come out into the battlefield and fight the English who are cause of all our troubles. Congress is a society against the English. The English are common enemies of Congress and of Pathans. For that reason I have joined the Congress."

In addition to addressing the meetings Abdul Ghaffar Khan has more recently made a village to village tour in the areas adjoining the Peshawar Cantonment, in which prohibitory orders under Section 144 are in force. In course this tour, he made political speeches under the guise of religious meetings in mosques of a nature calculated to a rouse intense racial hatred in many villages. He has been received by gatherings of Red Shirts lining the road, and by other demonstrations which have caused large crowds to collect.

DELIBERATE DEFIANCE OF ORDER.

All this has been in deliberate defiance of the orders in force under section 144, and as a direct challenge Government's authority. The aggressive and militant spirit of the Red Shirt organisation has been afforded by the holding of large camps in Peshawar District, at which parades and manoeuvres in military formations have been held. Abdul Ghaffar Khan has steadily pursued his campaign for non-payment of revenue and water rates and for refusal to take Government canal water in one part of Peshawar District a Red Shirt Tahsil has been opened and collections have been made from Zamindars' revenue. Prayers have been instigated to refuse payment of their dues on the plea of not being able to pay, and intimidation of revenue officials has been practised. As an instance of the latter may be quoted the incident at Gumbat in Madras Sub-Division where in response to the summons from the Tahsildar a number of revenue defaulters appeared supported by a party of Red Shirts, and after surrounding in an intimidatory manner the village Guest House in which the Tahsildar was staying, announced their inability to pay their dues. Though these were a trifling amount. Further proof of the subversive nature of the Red Shirt organisation has been proved by the recent dangerous attempt to extend the Congress Red Shirt movement across the administrative border into Sam Ranibai Area, Malkand Agency. This attempt was organised by Ghulam Muhammad, one of Abdul Ghaffar Khan's principal lieutenants, and a member of the Provincial Congress Committee.

ALLEGED INCITEMENT TO OPEN VIOLENCE.

Two meetings were held deliberately in spite of a strong protest by local Maliks themselves. At one of these meetings Ghulam Muhammad urged the people to open violence; and the danger of such incitement in tribal areas requires no emphasis. Sending of the Red Shirt Jathas into the Agency was also threatened if certain individuals, arrested for non-payment of water-tax and water rates, were not released. To deal with this threatening situation and to support the authority of Maliks it has been found necessary to despatch troops to Dargai. Subsequent to the arrest of Ghulam Muhammad and seizure of papers found on him, led to the disclosure that he had been in touch with the anti-Government Party in Afridi country. Inflammatory pamphlets have also been distributed in Swat territory with the object of stirring up disaffection against the Wali of Swat. Reports received also indicate that other activities have been started with the object of subverting his authority. There is evidence that Mohmand Tribal territory has not remained uneffected. The Congress activities within Peshawar district and Jirga have been held by Mohmand class to discuss the attitude to be adopted by them in view of the anticipated declaration of Civil Disobedience.

SUBVERSION OF GOVERNMENT.

Despite every effort at conciliation made by Government including personal appeals first by late Sir Gerart Pears and, latterly, by the present Chief Commissioner to Abdul Ghaffar Khan, he has given consistent and unyielding proof of his hatred and contempt the Government, and his determination to subvert it by all means in his power. None the less it was hoped that in view of the clear and unmistakable terms the Prime Minister's announcement of 1st December he might even at the eleventh hour be induced to abandon the Campaign, the intensification of which was already a grave menace to the peace of the Province, as well as its border this hope was defeated by the resolutions passed on the 20th December at a meeting of the Provincial Congress Committee held at Utmanzai. In these resolutions the Prime Minister's announcement of 1st December was repudiated in the form of a considered declaration that nothing short of Complete Independence would be acceptable. The adherence of Abdul Ghaffar Khan's organisation to all-India Congress Committee was reaffirmed, and the latter was called upon to abandon the Irwin-Gandhi Truce, and to proclaim the renewal of Civil Disobedience. Arrangements were at the same time made for launching in the first week of January, a fresh phase of Red Shirt activity to be signalized by the ceremony of unfurling the Congress flag at Utmanzai at the New Year's Day Parade, and preparations were put in train to make the ceremony by the size of its attendance as impressive a demonstration of the Red Shirt strength and preparedness as possible.

DETERMINED TO BE HOSTILE.

By this meeting at Utmanzai, by resolutions passed at it, and preparations sanctioned by it, it is clear that Abdul Ghaffar Khan and the Provincial Congress Organisation of which he is the recognised leader are determined to bar the door to counsels of moderation, and to continue, on a more intensive scale, their challenge to authority of Government in his speech at the Durbar on 22nd December (to which Abdul Ghaffar Khan and his brother were invited, but refused to attend) the Chief Commissioner emphasised the necessity for calm and orderly atmosphere in order that many important and intricate problems connected with the immediate introduction of reforms in the province might receive, from all the communities interested, a full and careful consideration that they demand as well as the co-operation of all political parties. The Chief Commissioner greatly regrets that his efforts to achieve this object by methods of conciliation have been met by the Provincial Congress Committee with nothing but preparations for counter-measures, the objects and results of which are not open to doubt.

NO OTHER OPTION LEFT.

Deterioration in the situation which has been a marked feature of the past few weeks cannot continue without disastrous consequences in the interests of people of this Province, and in view of the necessity carrying through, unhampered by forces of disruption of the work of reforms the Chief Commissioner has, after most anxious consideration, been forced to the conclusion that no option has been left to him but to take all necessary measures to prevent the spread of lawlessness and disorder. He, therefore, calls upon all loyal citizens of the province who wish for peace and stability to rally to the assistance of Government.

CITY NOTES

BOMBAY PORT TRAFFIC.

(BY OUR FINANCIAL CRITIC.)

The trade returns of Bombay Port for November show an increase of Rs. 6.53 crores over November 1930 but this is mostly due to the gold exports as, in the matter of commodities, there has been a fall of Rs. 97 lakhs to Rs. 1.16 crores and exports showed a decline of Rs. 99 lakhs to Rs. 2.31 crores. While, therefore, there has been an increase in the volume of traffic, the collection of revenue has not been satisfactory in view of the increased duties. Rs. 88.02 lakhs is an improvement on Rs. 82.70 lakhs of last year but compares badly with Rs. 94.63 of last month. Taking Bombay as a sample of trade improvement, it will be seen that the new duties have rather tended to bring down the volume of imports indicating possible decline in revenue also in coming months, while the exporting capacity seems also to have suffered. To live on capital through gold exports is a very reprehensible thing for other nations, but in India, that is considered quite proper.

Sugar, raw cotton, wheat and metal imports have declined heavily as compared with last year and raw cotton accounts for nearly two-thirds of the fall in export figures. Seeds also record a substantial fall in value of exports though probably the quantity is the same. The total gold exports amounted to Rs. 8.43 crores for November. The figures for eight months show a decline of Rs. 14,07 lakhs in imports but an increase of Rs. 4,73 lakhs over 1930, merchandise being Rs. 21,96 lakhs of exports and Rs. 33.22 crores of imports.

REAL COMMERCIAL OPINION.

The true feeling of the commercial interests towards the Congress is indicated by the Sugar Merchants' Association of Bombay which has pledged itself fully and unreservedly to the policy of the Congress and it believes that the cause of the Congress is ultimately the cause of the trader who now works under severe handicaps. They were now mere brokers for foreigners and not real businessmen. They had little part in the active side of foreign trade movement and if they made any profits it was by taking it out of the Indian producers and consumers. The whole direction of foreign trade was dominantly in the hands of foreigners. It is well that the faith is gaining ground that the true prosperity of the middle classes and the business community depends on the welfare of the peasants.

THE GERMAN DEBTS.

The Special Commission of the Bank for International Settlements (B.I.S.) has found that when the moratorium expires Germany will still be unable to resume the conditional payments She has had to import huge amounts of foreign capital, as much as £900 millions for developing her industries and has been able to return £500 millions and there still remains £400 millions due. The Commission points out that the B.I.S. finds that the present large-scale transfers of funds from one nation to another upsets the balance of payments and brings about chaos in the exchanges. Perhaps the existence of the B. I. S. which makes such big transactions possible is itself an incentive to the growth of such transfers just as the growth of large-scale industries has followed step by step the increased facilities available for such enterprises until trusts and syndicates are rapidly becoming dominant and are gaining ground further through the schemes proposed for nationalisation. The findings of the Commission also indicate that international action is necessary to save the European world from a complete debacle and in any case there can be no resumption of payments to America in the next year.

AUSTRALIAN EXCHANGES.

The Australian exchanges have been going against that country for some years, particularly as the trade depression brought out into strong relief her vast commitments in sterling. After the banks had fought heroically to support exchange at certain levels, Aus. £112 per £100 sterling they had to let it take its course as importers were avoiding banks and buying directly from exporters. The rate then dropped to 130 or a fall of 23 per cent. When England went off the gold standard, Australia had to follow suit as all her assets were in London and her currency was linked to sterling at 130, so that when sterling fell to 325, the Australian pound fell to 325/486 of this low value or 66 per cent, so that its gold value fell to 66 per cent or 77 per cent or 51 per cent. Yet there was no improvement in the trade position and it was the fall of the Scullin party that raised the rate to 125 sterling or 56 per cent. It is an irony that Australia produces gold but it is not able to use it itself. It is a slave-digger sweating for other nations.

"CAPITAL" SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT.

"Capital" of Culcutta has brought out a special trade and commerce supplement which is well worth the price of Rs. 2 charged for it. It contains several valuable contributions on subjects covering almost all the Indian industries. Agriculture, cotton, jute, tea, coal, iron, sugar, salt and cement forests and electricity all receive attention. There are also special articles devoted to bio-chemistry, civil aviation and road transport. The review of Karachi port by Sir Montagu Webb should make Bombay reflect on the possibility of diversion of trade through that port. Ships which did not call at Karachi some years before now make it a regular port. I would call special attention to the "Export Yard" which allows exportable commodities to be railed to Karachi and stored there at reasonable cost until sold to exporters. The development of the Sukkur area will also increase the relative importance of the port which already enjoys several facilities not the least of which is its being the chief air port of India. The contributions in the issue are from men of note and who can speak with authority on what they write.

MAULANA MOHAMED ALI'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Appeal To Observe It On 4th January

LAHORE, Dec. 24.

The SeSecretary Khilafat Committee and Mahomed Ali Regiment, Lahore, writes:—

"The 4th January is the death day of the late Maulana Mahomed Ali, the illustrious son of India, who died in a foreign land. His personal character was spotless and he was a leader of the Congress and the Khilafat. Hindu-Muslim unity was his life's mission."

"I appeal to all the Indians and institutions generally and to the Congress Committees, Muslim Conference, Muslim League, Liberal Federation, Muslim Nationalist Party, Khilafat Committee, Sikh League, Jamait-ul-Ulama, Youth Leagues, Hindu Nationalists particularly to commemorate the day in the most deserving manner and pay sincere homage to the departed soul."

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PURI GOES AHEAD

Preparations For Congress Session

ORIYA PEASANTS AS VOLUNTEERS

(From A. Correspondent.)

PURI, Dec. 22.

The special feature of the next session of the Indian National Congress will be the Gopabandhu Sena Bahini a band of volunteers trained on the most national lines under the direct supervision of Mr. Mukunda Rao Balsavar of the Hindusthani Seva Dal. There are at present camps scattered over the country where nearly 600 male volunteers (the required quota for the province fixed by the A. I. C. C., and a hundred women are having this training.

The most interesting fact to notice about the corps, is, that most of the recruits have come from the unlettered peasantry. This is a bold step, no doubt, which the Congress authorities have taken. To leave the cultured Bhadralok Class which has been supplying uptil now, materials for similar organisation in the Congress and conferences, and to begin their work, with the Oriya peasent untouched by any of the influences of the century, is an experiment worthy to attract the attention of all. The women's corps too, recruited as it is from the most orthodox section of the society calls forth similar expressions of joy and admiration.

KITCHEN ARRANGEMENT.

The Kitchen Committee nave asked tenders from contaractors who may take the responsibility of opening the general kitchen on payment of sufficient cash security. Arrangements are being made to stock food stuffs etc., for the Southern India delegates and visitors who would like to open separate kitchen for themselves. Applications from contractors are already pouring in. In the general kitchen, only vegetarian dishes will be supplied and at a provisional rate of 12 annas per diem and 3 annas for single meal. Besides, private hotels are to be opened in Utkalmoni Gopbandhu Nagar, where non-vegetarian dishes will be had at their usual rates.

ALL ABOUT VISITORS.

It is provisionally settled that ordinary tickets will be sold at the rate of Rs. 25/- each and seats will be reserved for distinguished visitors in the following manner. 1st row Rs. 1000/-, 2nd row Rs. 500/-, 3rd row Rs. 250/-, 4th row Rs. 100/- and 5th row Rs. 50/-. Special seats are to be arranged for visitors paying more than Rs. 1,000/-. As we expect a great rush of visitors, it has been provisionally decided that for the sale of ordinary tickets preference will be given from visitors outside Utkal. For visitors there is no arrangement for lodging within the Congress area, the numerous Dharmasalas and private lodging houses and sea-beach hotels of Puri town being sfficient to accommodate any number of visitors. The sea-beach hotels are furnished with the best up to date equipments.

STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24.

It is understood that the Standing Finance Committee of the Legislative Assembly will meet in New Delhi on 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st January and that Public Accounts Committee will hold meetings on 22nd and 23rd January.—A.P.

JAIN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Sjt. Kothari To Preside

According to the revised programme the Jain Youth Conference will be held in Bombay on 31st inst. and 1st Jan Sjt. Manilal Kothari, will preside over its sessions. The Conference is open to all Jains whether Swetamber, Sthanakvasi, or Degember. Strenuous efforts are being made to make it a success in all respects.

The Session will be held in the big pandal in Madhav Baugh. Enrolment of delegates will be continued till 28th inst.

DHARAVI ISLAND QUADRANGULAR CRICKET TOURNAMENT.—

The 4th annual general meeting of the above Tournament was held lately at Gorai when the leading cricket representatives were present.

This year the matches will be played at Gorai. The following is the draw for the Tournament:—

1st match Ulan Catholic Assen. XI vs. Culvem XI on 27th inst.

2nd match Gorai Dramatic and S. XI vs. Manori XI on 1st Jan.

Finals: Winners of 1st vs. Winners of 2nd on 3rd Jan.

LANCASHIRE COTTON INDUSTRY.

Grave Situation.

QUESTION OF WORKING HOURS AGAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Grave situation has arisen in the Lancashire cotton industry in view of the action of the Federation of Master Cotton-spinners' Associations notifying its decision to determine at the end of the month the hours and wages agreement concluded with various Trade Unions in 1919.

The Federation has sent a circular to its members, part of which is taken to suggest that from 1st January 1932 they will be free to run their mills as many hours per week as they individually choose. The Operative Spinners' Amalgamation is circularising its members, urging utmost opposition to any attempt to increase hours. Members of the Cardroom Amalgamation have also been circularised similarly.—Reuter's Special.

"TIME FOR ACTION HAS COME"

CAMP SIRSI, Dec. 21.

Under the auspices of B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees Association Ahmedabad a meeting of gangmen was held at Bawani Khera on the 21st instant. Mr. Chhotubhai B. Desai Secretary of the Association addressing men explained the cut in wages that has been made from the current month. He said that inspite of all our reason and appeals not to touch men drawing Rs. 100/- and under, bread and butter of poorly paid staff have been reduced. Now men must understand that time has come when appeal without strength to bring pressure has no meaning and the grievances are not to be redressed unless we have strong living organisation.

He therefore requested them to join the Association.

"A SCANDAL OF GREAT MAGNITUDE"

B. B. & C I. Ry. Employees' Grievance

The Secretary of the B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees Association, Ahmedabad writes:—

"The District Traffic Superintendent Delhi issued circulars No. C. 13-31 in August, September, October and November 31 in which he asked the Travelling Ticket Examiners to make Rs. 10—to Rs. 15/- each per day as extra earnings. He has further threatened these men reversion to Ticket Collectors.

This pressure is a scandal of great magnitude and it cannot be tolerated by educated travelling public if they want to help these poor and ignorant workmen.

The T. T. Es., must understand that the time has come when they must cease to rely upon petitions. In majority of cases the men have to submit to wrongs on failure of usual procedure. But every individual has the right and it is his duty to rise against an intolerable wrong. This can only be done by a strong living organization. This is the only power behind their appeals and protests.

Entertainment In Aid Of Red Cross Society

(From A Correspondent.)

POONA, Dec. 23.

800 children belonging to various Schools took part in the children's entertainment arranged in aid of the local Red Cross Society. Two plays were enacted one exclusively for children and the other for gentry. Collections amounting to Rs. 130/- we made from the two performances. Many important local persons were present to witness the play of the children.

THE SEEDS TRADERS' ASSOCIATION.

Bombay, Dec. 25.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Castorseeds Delivery May Opening Rs. 33/7/6 Highest Rs. 33/9/6 Lowest Rs. 33/6 Closing Rs. 33/9.

Groundnut Seeds Delivery Feb. Opening Rs. 33/6 Highest Rs. 33/9/6 Lowest Rs. 33/5/6 Closing Rs. 33/8/6.

Bupapest.—Partial moratorium for the Hungarian public and private debts with a few exceptions has been proclaimed by a special decree which comes into effect from to-morrow.—Reuter.

Rugby.—Four International motor speed records were set up to-day by Captain G. T. Eyston on British car M.G. 750 CC on Monthery Track with the following speeds: 5 kilometres 184.71 kilometres per hour; five miles: 184.6 kilometres per hour; ten kilometres: 184.62 kilometres per hour; ten miles: 184.21 kilometres per hour.—B. O. W.

Rugby.—According to the Ministry of Labour the figures issued on Tuesday night the number of registered unemployed on December 14th was nearly 55,000 less than the week before at the total of 2,570,662.—B. O. W.

HUNGRY RATS DEVOUR MOTOR CAR!

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(Special Cable).

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Nice.—Famished rats forced by hunger to leave their refuse dump where they had been sheltering from the cold weather invaded a garage in the Alpine village of Laville Darbois and devoured a motorcar consuming all except metal framework.

HUGE LOSS TO JOHANNESBURG UNIVERSITY

Fire Destroys Priceless Documents

(Special Cable).

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Johannesburg. — Johannesburg University presents a deplorable spectacle following the conflagration which gutted the whole of the centre part of the building. Some priceless historic documents have been burnt, and the material loss is estimated at £100,000.

X'MAS SHOPPING TRAGEDY

Wall Collapse Kills 5 And Injures 2

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Port Elizabeth.—Hitherto five persons are known to have been killed, two are missing and three seriously injured in a Christmas shopping tragedy here. Walls of a building which was being demolished collapsed and buried the shop in which besides six saleswomen there were cutomers.—Reuter.

A WELCOME X'MAS GIFT FOR PARISIANS

Two Bridges And One Rly. Station

(Special Cable).

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Paris.Two bridges and one railway station are the monster Christmas presents which Parisians will be enjoying to-morrow. The Pont de Leuropa, which will be opened on Christmas day, carries the roadway over the wide railway span The Pont dela Concorde was opened a few days ago and the new Gare de Lest has been formally opened by the Minister of Public Works.

MADRAS RACES POSTPONEMENTS

The Secretary, Madras Race Club, announces that racing on 26th December is postponed till Tuesday (29th instant). The programme for 29th is postponed to 1st January and for the programme for January 1st is postponed to January 2nd no acceptances are issued to-day.—A. P.

OKHA PORT NEWS.

The Port Officer, Okha Port, wires under date to-day:—

The S.S. "Clan Agilvy" (Line Clan, Agents Messrs. Pestonjee Bhicajee) left Port Okha on the 14th instant for Bedi Bunder with the same bottom cargo.

The S.S. "Chakrata" (Line British India Steam Navigation Co., Agents, Messrs. Chotalal Premji & Co.), arrived Port Okha on the 24th inst. for exports.—A.P.

Jaipur Supports Federation

(From Our Correspondent).

JAIPUR, December 16.

All speculation as to the possibility or otherwise of Jaipur entering the Federation must be definitely set at rest by the speech His Highness the Maharaja of Jaipur delivered at a banquet he gave to welcome Rai Bahadur A. N. Atal, Finance Member, on his return from London, where he officially assisted Sir Mirza Ismail who represented the Jaipur State in addition to the Mysore State at the R.T. Conference.

His Highness expressed his conviction that in the Federation of the Provinces and the States was to be found a solution of the problem of India's constitutional future. The delegates of the Indian States had been faced at the Round Table Conference with many intricate and delicate problems and some of them were still awaiting solution. The picture His Highness pointed out, was not yet complete and expressed the hope that when the details are filled in, it would be found to be acceptable to the Provinces and the States.

MR. N. C. KELKAR AT UJJAIN

The Secretary, Marathi Kavi Sammelan, Ujjain, wires that Mr. N.C. Kelkar, President-elect of the Madhya Bharatiya Marathi Kavi Sammelan (second session), arrived at Ujjain to-day morning. He was received by Mr. Govind Sakhalv Upte, Chairman of the Reception Committee

After the leading persons present had been introduced to him, Mr. Kelkar, who inspected the guard of honour formed by the local Scouts, motored to his residence at the Dharmashala.—A.P

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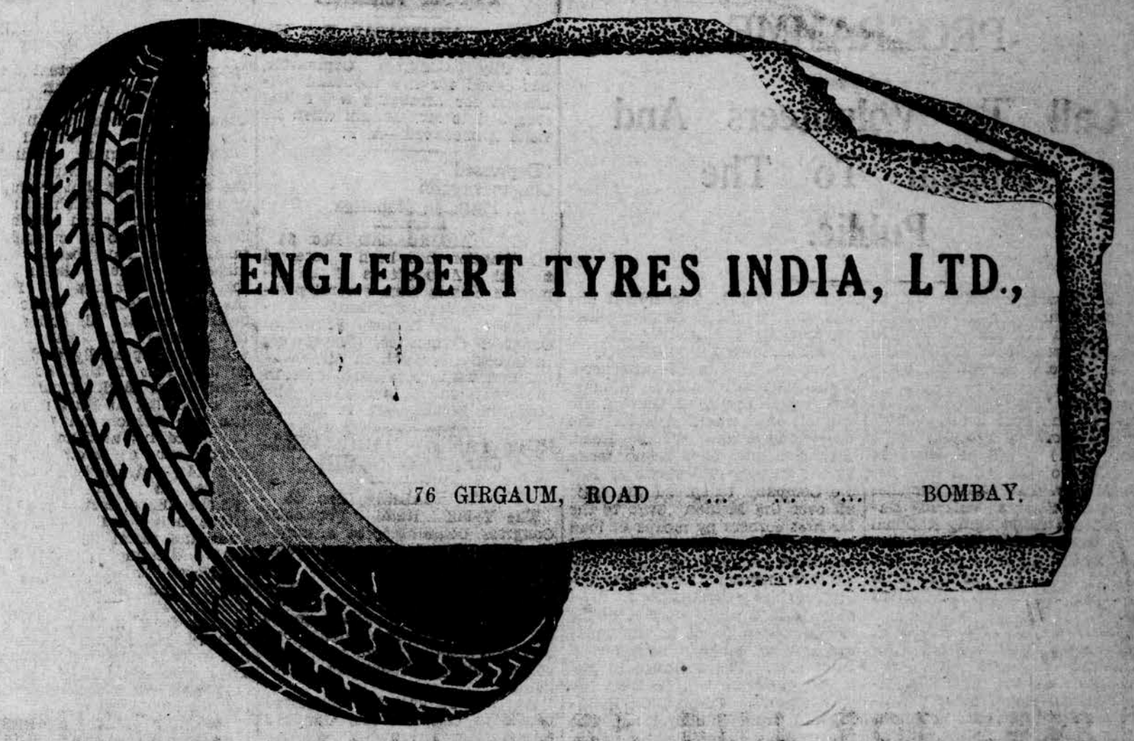

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BRITISH FINANCIAL CRISIS

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through borrowings from the Exchequer and this naturally led to considerable weakening of the prestige of the Government.

HUGE BUDGET DEFICITS.

The budget deficit forecasted by the May Committee was £120 millions for the current year and this did not allow for the loss of £11 millions which resulted from the Hoover Moratorium. This deficit in the face of the abnormally high taxation and the costliness of unemployment insurance caused international comment and it was clearly impossible for England to remedy this state of things without resorting to some form of repudiation of international obligations. Declining revenue and increasing expenditure both by the Government and the people raised the anxiety of foreign investors to the level of a panic It was here that the matter of the frozen investments came in. Britain had lent large sums out of short terms funds to Austria and Germany to help them to remain on the gold standard but when the funds were wanted back, Britain could not realise her loans. Even temporary borrowings from France and America could not save the country from the rush.

REMEDIES SUGGESTED.

Among the remedies suggested are a wholesale reduction of wages and salaries, inflation of credit, devaluation of the pound, introduction of tariffs and the cheme of Empire Preference. The first remedy will be opposed by the Labour organisations and the setback from a labour strike would be more dangerous to the country than higher wages. The last remedy would be resisted morally by the rest of the Empire though formally it may be approved. For no nation would willingly subscribe to a doctrine which meant paying higher prices for goods without compensation, particularly when it is also subject to deficit budgets and internal troubles. The introduction of tariffs is being tried and it remains to be seen whether this will bring about the desired result. It has coincided with inflated credit which is not different from a devaluation of the pound and the combination of all three remedies may prove to be the salvation. But more important than all, perhaps, will be the goodwill Britain retains from her customers and the chief of these is India where the invasion of Tory protectionism and its militant Imperialism might deteriorate British trade with us.

THE AGRARIAN SITUATION

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velling petitions if you like, in our present circumstances, by making appeals 'ad hominum" to the authorities to grant further clemency. I say the only question is whether by methods considered constitutional we cannot procure still further reductions of the Sarkar's otherwise inexorable dues. That way lies hope. There are many of our sympathisers among the British and their active support needs must be recruited and mobilised here and in England. This, I plead, be our last resort.

—AND TO THE 'SOWKAR.'

And there is a corresponding duty, equally heavy and equally insistent, which brookes of no delay in discharge on the part of our leaders. The Government, we are told, met the reply of the peasant that he has nothing to pay by the peremptory suggestion that he should better borrow and pay this year so that he may be able to repay next year,—borrow from the 'Sowkar.' Now it is indubitable that the 'Sowkar' for years has fattened on the peasant. He can afford to give up his luxuries. He can afford even to deny himself. The peasant, on the other hand, is reduced to less than the barest supply of his elemental wants. He goes unclad in the severe winter and sees his cattle emaciated; his wife and children suffering semi-starvation and himself in the dazed condition which supervenes lack of supply to the body. The remedy is very hard; but is obvious. Many have pointed it out before. It is that the Congress leaders bring their concentrated influence to bear on the 'Sowkars' and coax them into liberating the peasant from his monetary bond, at least for a time. Let the Congress call upon the money-lenders to cease dunning the agriculturists, for even a period of three years. And all may yet be well with our stricken land.

To those Parsis in particular who have not themselves been agriculturists and do not know that tilling of the soil is now almost a disastrous occupation, I appeal to tour the afflicted parts of India and realise for themselves the unspeakable misery of the agriculturists and use their good offices to procure them relief, by positive help through co-operation with selfless, patriotic workers in bringing the pressure of persuasion, unremitting and wholehearted, upon both the Government officials and the money-lenders and bring about relief for the representatives of the mainstay of the country.

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DR. BESANT SPEAKS

Theosophical Convention.

MADRAS, Dec. 24.

Dr. Annie Besant attended this afternoon the official Convention meeting of the Theosophical Society and spoke for ten minutes on the ideals of the Theosophical life.

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GANDHIJI IN PARIS.

"I HAVE ASCERTAINED THE CHARACTER AND TACTICS OF THOSE WITH WHOM WE HAVE TO FIGHT."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
PARIS, Dec. 12.
(By Air Mail.)

On his way back to India Mahatma Gandhi arrived here on Saturday afternoon when he was received at the Gare Du Nord Railway Station by a large crowd of Indians, Frenchmen and other foreigners. As he stepped out of the train he was given rousing cheers to which he responded with his characteristic smile. Later in the day Mahatma Gandhi addressed a public meeting of over 2,000 persons to which admission had been restricted by tickets. The meeting was arranged by the local intellectuals. After speaking for a few minutes on the general situation created by the conclusion of the Round Table Conference, Mahatma Gandhi answered a number of questions most of which were put to him by his French audience.

COMMERCIAL PRIVILEGES.

Question: When do you think India will be definitely freed?

Answer: I am not sufficiently all-knowing to answer this question, or to make any prediction, which is known only to God.

Question: If India were suddenly freed, would she not considering the ignorance of the majority of the people—be at the mercy of a handful of intellectuals?

Answer: Possibly. But in any case it would be preferable for her to be led for a certain time by a group of intellectuals rather than to be under the thumb of demogogic leaders as in the West.

Question: Won't you do anything to lighten the misery of Lancashire?

Answer: Yes, of course, I shall try my best.

Question: If India were freed, would you set up economic barriers? Would you permit commercial exchange with France?

Answer: No. I should not oppose commercial exchange. But I must tell you that when India is free, she will give commercial privileges to England rather than to any other country. All the same permit me to say that France will interest us quite a good deal.

Question: Does the happiness of man reside in knowledge or in ignorance? (Laughter).

Answer: In neither. It resides in each man himself and in the search of perefction and truth.

Question: Are all men capable of seeking perfection?

Answer: Yes, they have it in themselves.

Question: Are you satisfied with Mr. MacDonald's Declaration?

Answer: I must say that although I am not satisfied, I have great hope despite the fact that I may seem to be returning empty-handed.

HIS DRESS.

Question: A few years ago, I saw you dressed in European clothes. Why have you abandoned them?

Answer: I am poor, and like thousand of Indians, I do not allow myself to wear European clothes. First, because they are too dear. Secondly, because they are quite unsuited to the climate of my country and, lastly, because it provides work for our Indian workers if we wear Indian clothes.

Question: Supposing there were a fresh warlike mobilisation in Europe, do you think that it would be possible to avoid war by the non-cooperation of military forces and of the peple?

Answer: Non-cooperation in the case of war is everywhere possible, and it is by this that universal peace will be obtained. According to other things, women, who are usually called the feeble sex, will then have the opportunity of showing their power by supporting non-co-operation and non-violence.

NON-VIOLENCE, THE ONLY WEAPON.

Question: Would it be right to allow oneself to be killed without putting up a fight?

Answer: In either case it would be a question of sacrificing one's life. For one who has decided to do this it would be better to remain passive under the law of non-violence than to arm oneself with "exterior" arms and kill another besides being killed oneself. In an emergency of this kind, one should arm oneself externally, the internal spiritual forces are stronger and induce a more certain and lasting life. It is not by arming yourself that you will guarantee peace to the world. External arms, guns, cannons and gas have only evil and passing results. One puts down one's arms only when a respite is essential with the intention of resuming later. By using non-violence as their only weapon thousands of men will arm themselves intellectually and spiritually, with the principles which are in action during day and night and will attain this end and succeed in arousing the sympathy of the Englishmen.

Question: If India were free, what would be her attitude towards Soviet Russia?

Answer: I am so preoccupied with my own country that I must admit that I am rather ignorant of what concerns the Russian people. All the same I can tell you that when India is free she might well imitate what there is of good in Russia. If Russia becomes a little more spirituall all would be perfect with her.

MESSAGE TO INDIANS IN EUROPE.

In the course of his speech Mahatma Gandhi told his Indian audience "We had started a battle and in its midst signed a truce for negotiations which were not successful. But nothing is lost now because I have ascertained the character and tactics of those with whom we have to fight so that in future we shall make no mistakes. In battles, misfortunes are normal and so we must continue with greater zest and determination and must face suffering for the freedom of our country. To those of you who are living in Paris and in other parts of Europe, my plea is that you strive always to present to the world all that is best in India and her cause. Strive always to draw the attention of the world to the real nature of India's struggle. I cannot tell you just at this moment the temper of our people in the country. But I can tell you that when I get back they will be ready to put up a fresh fight. What we want for our country is control of army and the purse and it can certainly be obtained if only we are prepared to suffer and be perfectly non-violent. I shall ask our countrymen once again to obtain it by suffering. Disobedience is not violence but disobedience means further suffering."

HINDI PRACHARAK SABHA

Sub-Committee's Draft

(From A Correspondent).

A great need was felt for the spread of Hindi language in Bombay Presidency and other parts of India. To meet this need a meeting was called under the signatures of some prominent gentlemen on the 6th November last, when a Sub-Committee was appointed to draft the Rules and Constitution of the Sabha. The Committee has submitted the draft as under:—

ITS OBJECTS.

It will be known as Hindi Pracharak Sabha. Its objects will be: to spread and popularise Hindi in Bombay Presidency; to make arrangements for Hindi teaching; hold examinations and grant certificates; make efforts to get Hindi introduced in schools and colleges; teach Hindi through correspondence and publish books and daily papers in Hindi.

MERBERSHIP.

The Committee recommends that those who are not below the age of 18 years can become members of the Sabha. There will be five classes of membership, namely: Ordinary. Life, Patrons, Student and Honorary. Fee for Ordinary and Student members are Rs. 4 and 2 respectively. Ladies can become ordinary members by paying half of the fee.

MANAGING COMMITTEE.

The administration of the Sabha shall be carried out by a managing committee consisting of 20 members elected in the annual general meeting of the Sabha.

Vienna.—The National Council has adopted all three bills for the reconstruction of the Credit Anstalt.—Reuter.

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With a view to take effective steps to prevent the manufacture of "Khadi" in cotton mills and to make available to the consumers swadeshi cloth at prices not exceeding a certain limit, the Swadeshi Sabha has formed on the 29th June 1930 on terms and conditions settled at Bombay on the 25th June 1930, between the Congress through the late Pandit Motilal Nehru and some millowners of Ahmedabad. The all-India Working Committee of the Indian National Congress by a resolution of the 27th June 1930 confirmed the said arrangement, and authorised the Acting President of the Congress to nominate its representatives on the Governing Body of the Sabha.

CHIEF OBJECTS.

The chief objects of the Sabha were to encourage and promote the production and distribution of Indian-made piecegoods; to prevent the manufacture of any cloth, grey or bleached, woven from warp and weft counts of 8s. or less as may pass for 'Khadi' i.e., hand-spun and hand-woven; to stop the use of foreign yarn, silk or artificial silk in the manufacture of cloth and to exert its best to promote the cause of Swadeshi.

62 mills were on the list of the Swadeshi Sabha on 15th July 1930.

By the end of January 1931, the total number of mills on the list reached the figure 72. The Himabhai Mfg. Co., Ltd., were announced on 2-9-31, by the Governing Body to have ceased to be a member of the Sabha owing to their having committed a breach of constitution and they were put on the boycott list by the Congress Textile Mills Exemption Committee

The declaration Form for Swadeshi Mills issued by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was signed by all the mills that had joined the Swadeshi Sabha.

GANDHIJI'S VISIT.

When Mahatma Gandhi visited Ahmedabad after his release in March 1931 an address was presented to him by the Sabha with a purse of Rs. 51,000.

RE-EXPORT OF FOREIGN CLOTH

A scheme for the export of foreign cloth was framed at Bombay under the advice of Mahatma Gandhi in consultation with the millowners of Bombay, Ahmedabad and other centres. Several mills of the Swadeshi Sabha supported the Scheme with their contributions. Proposals for the purchase of foreign cloth in Ahmedabad were considered by the Sabha and a Scheme was finally settled by Mahatma Gandhi before his departure from India. 41 mills paid their quota towards the scheme and Rs. 55,596 were collected for the purpose.

INDIAN STORES TO BE USED.

A Stores Sub-Committee was appointed for the purpose of classifying store materials in different groups of Indian and foreign manufactures. The Governing Body issued a list of articles used in mills under the headings "Dispensable, Indispensable and Doubtful," with recommendations to give preference to Indian articles.

The question of giving preference to coal supplied by Indian-owned and Indian-managed collieries was considered jointly with the deputation of the Indian Mining Federation and proposals were framed for giving preference to such coal. The matter was considered by the Working Committee of the Congress and their resolution was forwarded to Industrial concerns. A printed list of such collieries has also been issued to members to assist them in making their purchases in accordance with the recommendation of the Working Committee.

In the matter of Insurance, preference has been given by the mills to the Indian Insurance Companies.

ANDHRA FLOOD RELIEF COMMITTEE

More Collections And Disbursements

The Andhra Flood Relief Committee, Jameshedpur, writes:—

"Since the last report the Committee members are busy in collecting donations—cash and filling up of authorisation forms. The Andhra Re-creation Club (a local Telugu Dramatic Club) has staged a drama "Madhu Seva" in aid of the Relief Fund in the Miranee Hall on Friday the 27th ultimo. The total collections for the drama amounted to over Rs. 310.

The local "Jamshedpur Cinemas" has kindly consented to give benefit shows on the 14th inst.

Further to our remittance to Chicacole last month, we have remitted Rs. 100 to Chicacole as 2nd instalment and Rs. 300 to Vizianagaram as 1st instalment.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN IN INDIA

A Conference In February

The standing sectional committee of the N. C. W. I. which is affiliated to the International Council of Women, was first, formed in July 1931 with representatives from each Provincial Council, and its affiliated bodies.

One of the objects of the N. C. W. I. is to promote the welfare of women and children in the country in every direction, socialy morally, and educationally. This council is widely known for its active interest in all questions affecting the welfare of women and children, and it has acted so often as an agent for disseminating knowledge, sometimes pressing directly for legislation, at other times crystallising problems by its investigations, that it has come to be regarded as a body representative both of women's needs, and of women's opinions. Much of its work is known to the public, but those who are not fully aware of its activities will be interested to know that the N. C. W. I. has taken up work in connection with legislation, like moral and social hygiene, and has a special standing sectional committee on legislation. It has also standing sectional committees on the Press, on art, and on labour.

The standing sectional committee on labour of the N. C. W. I. studies questions on labour sent by the International Council of Women, and thus co-operates with other countries on different industrial questions through the headquarters of the International Council of Women.

Besides this, the labour committee has taken up actual practical work, studying unregulated industries, and visiting the labouring classes in order to study their conditions. A practical interest in industrial questions is a logical sequence to its previous works, and as an expression of this, a Conference will be held in February 1932 on the occasion of the Biennial Conference of the Council, specially to discuss some of the outstanding problems in industry as they affect women and children in this country.

The date of the Conference will be announced later.

THE REPUDIATED INTERVIEW

More Extracts From "Giornale d'Italia"

The London Correspondent of the 'Statesman," Calcutta, writes in a despatch to his paper dated Dec. 21:—

I am able to send the following addition to Mr. Gandhi's repudiated interview. According to the "Giornale d'Italia," Mr. Gandhi said that during his journey in Europe he realized that, generally speaking. European countries had not understood what independence to India might mean to the whole world.

Indian independence would above all have the greatest importance on all national, economic and political developments in Asia. It would initiate in fact a new tendency for Asia to act for itself, freeing itself from all political dependence on Europe.

When India gained her autonomy, it would be the centre of the spiritual and economic development of Asia. China was already looking to India, and latterly Egypt, Palestine, and Persia, were gravitating towards India. Japan was awaiting the course of events.

Thus for European countries, India's independence meant greater economic prosperity in India and therefore a richer market for their products.

The Indian nation did not intend to establish a position of privilege for any State She would have to import certain basic products for her commercial development and organizing and technical experts to a greater degree than Russia of the Soviets was now doing.

NEW AUTONOMY.

The new autonomy in India must be realized through a union of the great Indian nation with the most important national minorities of India. They would initiate negotiations with representatives of these minorities, not with their present leaders because they were too much wedded to the old traditions of divisions but with new men these minorities could produce.

Meantime the idea must be dismissed that there could be germinated in India any movement inspired or coloured by Communists In India there was no trace of it and there could be none.

Every country had its own conditions and rules of life. India was against a mechanical civilization—the machine which made a man more a slave than he was before, instead of freeing him. He predicted a return to manual labour. This would be amply sufficient for India where towns did not represent more than five per cent of the total population of the country.

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LANCASHIRE AND INDIA.

(From Our Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 12.

A deputation of Lancashire cotton employers from Blackburn, Darwen, and Accrington waited upon the Secretary of State for India, Sir Samuel Hoare, at the India Office during the week to place before the Government their views on the Indian imports duty and the boycott of foreign goods.

The deputation was introduced by Sir Walter Smiles and Mr. G. S. Elliston, members of Parliament for Blackburn, and Mr. J. P. Morris, M.P., for North Salford.

The case for the employers was stated by Mr. Ernest Hamer, chairman of the Blackburn Cotton Employers' Association, who was accompanied by Mr. Thomas Ashurst, secretary of the Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Association, Messrs. Lawrence Ward, William Birtwistle, George Hindle, Fred Holden (chairman of the Darwen Cotton Employers' Association), and W. Smith (chairman of the Accrington Cotton Employers' Association).

The deputation remained with the Secretary of State for an hour and a half, and at the end an official statement announced that a full and free exchange of views had taken place, but that no detailed report of the proceedings would be issued.

It is learned that the deputation also discussed with the Secretary of State the inclusion of Lancashire men on a trade and commerce committee to India.

Before this interview the deputation met the Parliamentary group composed of Conservative M.P.s for Lancashire, Cheshire, and Westmorland, and discussed the position with them. The deputation from the group to Mr. Runciman last week reported that the President of the Board of Trade had given very sympathetic consideration to the case put forward in favour of including cotton piece-goods in an Order in Council under the Abnormal Importation (Customs Duties) Act.

The sending by the Government of a committee to India with special reference to the cotton trade, and the inclusion in its personnel of Lancashire people who knew it, was discussed, and as a result the Secretary for India will be asked to receive a deputation with a view to pressing the particular claims of Lancashire in this matter.

The matter has previously been discussed by the India Committee of the Conservative Parliamentary party and by the Conservative Trades and Industries Committee. It is probable they, too, will send a joint deputation to Sir Samuel Hoare on the matter.

TRADE MISSION TO INDIA?

Also during the week at the House of Commons Sir Samuel Hoare received a joint deputation from three Conservative groups of M.P.s—the Trades and Industries Committee, the India Committee, and the Lancashire Cheshire, and Westmorland Parliamentary Group. They saw the Secretary of State for India in reference to the suggestion that a Trade and Commerce Committee should be sent out to India, and that upon it there should be representatives thoroughly acquainted with the Lancashire cotton trade.

The Government promised the Round Table Conference to send three committees out, but none of these will have to do with trade and commerce. It is therefore desired to set up another Committee on the lines indicated. The Minister will place the views expressed by the deputation before the Prime Minister.

In the course of the discussion a suggestion was made that a "mutual trade mission" should go to India. It was pointed out that we had had trade missions to other parts of the world under the Department of Overseas Trade but none had ever gone to India. A "mutual trade mission" would, it was thought, do a great deal of good in creating mutual understanding.

This suggestion was looked upon with favour by Sir Samuel Hoare. He promised to give it consideration and lay it before his colleagues.

The deputation was introduced by Captain Douglas Hacking, and consisted of Sir Frederick Mills, Mr. Charlton, Mr. E. T. Campbell, Mr. Wardlaw Milne, Mr. Astbury, Mr. Geoffrey Ellis, Mr. Morris (Salford), and Sir Nairn Sandeman.

STERLING AT FRANCE'S MERCY.

Addressing a meeting of the Mid-Lancashire area of the Institute of Bankers at Blackburn on Thursday night Professor J. H. Jones, of Leeds University, said that there was no single important country in the world to-day which was not suffering from the same sort of thing that England had in her own country. America had been described as "an elephant on its back." Germany was on the verge of nervous collapse, and France, while presenting to outsiders an appearance of strength, was in a far more critical condition than perhaps anybody cares to believe.

After the French were defeated in 1870 they got up with revenge in their hearts. When Germany was defeated in the last war France could not understand Germany getting up without revenge in her heart, and since 1918 French had been like panic-stricken children. The policy of the French, as he understood it, had been to maintain her own strength to strengthen her superiority over Germany. She had felt that next time Great Britain might not be there, and what then? Every time England had been, in their estimation, too friendly with Germany down had gone sterling. England had put herself in the power of France, and it had been possible for France at any time within the last few years to put us off the gold standard.

People should not run away with the idea that it was a Budget deficit. It was merely a political move to say the Budget deficit was the cause of the trouble. This year France, because Britain had been too friendly with Germany, rapped her on the knuckles, and in doing so set forces in motion which she could not control. So Britain went off the gold standard. France would be terrified by the consequences of her departure from the gold standard, and when a country was terrified no reserve less than 100 per cent was big enough.

The only currency that really mattered in the world to-day was sterling, and yet sterling was placed at the mercy of France, and France had been governed in her policy largely by political factors. It was no use going back to a gold standard that would be destroyed in another year. The most fundamental obligation of all was that people should live at peace with each other.

ENGLISHWOMAN LOOKS AT RUSSIA.

The central branch of the Women Citizens' Association in Manchester met Thursday at the Pioneer Club to hear a description of conditions in Russia from Mrs. Helen Bentwich, who has lately returned from that country.

The chief discovery made by the traveller in Russia, she said, was that there were two versions of Russia. There was a sinister Russia, a changing relic of the old days, which tried summarily and without publicity prisoners accused of working against the State, and might shoot or send them to an island in the White Sea, or to the mines. On the other hand, there was the great mass of working people not actively concerned with politics—160,000,000 people "in some ways," Mrs. Bentwich said, "enjoying a better life than the life of capitalist countries."

This life of the average citizen offered a benign Government with a considerate judicial system and a kindly prison system, all designed with enlightenment. The speaker gave illustrations to show that women had equal opportunities with men. There were women judges, police, soldiers, and sailors, and they were specially considered when it came to the planning of small details. The woman controlling the traffic had a small stool to sit on, for instance. Lifts were provided for women in workers' dwellings, a thing very rare in England.

The marriage contract was between equal parties, and the State took means to safeguard marriage by appointing officers to explain the physiology of marriage and birth to every couple coming to the register office. Divorce was discouraged, but could be accomplished easily when necessary.

P.M.G. AS PROSECUTOR AND JUDGE.

The decision of the Post-master General in regard to the two members of the sorting staff in the Manchester Post Office who were suspended from duty three weeks ago was made known on Wednesday Mr. A. O'Donnell, sorting clerk and telegraphist, is to be dismissed, and Mr. J. N. Wallace is to be compulsorily transferred to another office. The Post Office authorities allege that Messrs. O'Donnell and Wallace incited other employees in the circulation department to adopt slow methods of working as a protest against recent wage reductions in the Post Office service.

In conveying his decision, the Postmaster General told the Postmaster of Manchester that he hoped the staff of the Manchester Post Office would understand that the Post Office service must be maintained at that standard of efficiency and reliability which the public had a right to expect. The Postmaster has intimated his willingness to meet the committee of the Manchester branch of the Union of Post Office Workers as soon as it has been reconstituted, with a view to discussing the future relations between the official side and the staff.

Interviewed by a press reporter an official of the Post Office Workers' Union said: "Only the bare basics have been conveyed to us. The actual grounds for the decisions have not been stated. The Postmaster General has acted both as prosecutor and judge of his own cause. It is not clear whether the Post Office is maintaining its claim to govern the conduct of the union representatives in public speeches and writing and at conferences of the union, which formed part of the original charges. This question must be pursued by the union nationally, and it is expected that it will be raised in the House of Commons by Mr. R. J. Davies, the Labour M.P. for Westhoughton.

"Important questions are raised by this decision, which affects not only the members of a union, but every trade-unionist in Manchester. Our case is that the whole affair ought to be regarded not as one of discipline, but of trade union function. The point is particularly, whether offices of a branch of the union which has made a collective decision—in this case to withdraw good-will—shall be held responsible for carrying out the decision."

It will be remembered that the "withdrawal of goodwill" policy—better known to the public as the "go slow" policy, which had been pursued for some time in the sorting department of the Manchester Post Office, was called off last Thursday, when the committee of the Manchester branch of the union declared that their "main objectives had been achie-

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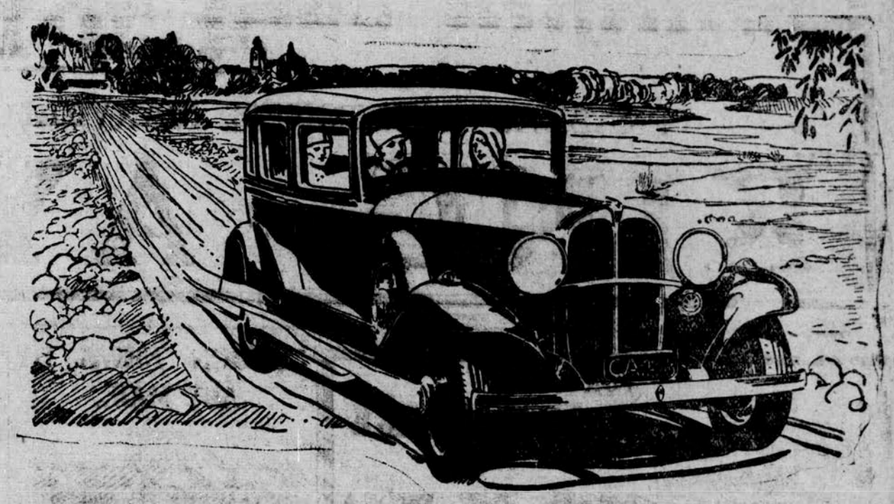

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LONDON NEWS BY AIR MAIL.

(Continued from previous page ved." If the Post Office decision to transfer Mr. Wallace is carried out a municipal guardians election will be necessary in the Moss Side Ward, of which he is Labour councillor.

UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' DEMAND.

A meeting of about 300 people was held outside the Manchester Public Assistance Offices at All-Saints' on Monday, during the sitting of the Committee. A mass demonstration had been planned by the local branch of the National Unemployed Workers' Association to march from Ardwick Green, but those who attended eventually walked to All Saints' in small groups and in one's and two's. The demonstrators asked to be allowed to set their demands before the Committee, but accepted a suggestion that these should be set down in writing, and in this form they were submitted to the Committee. After the meeting, the chairman the deputy chairman and the clerk interviewed a deputation of three.

The deputation asked that an unemployed man could be represented by the N.U.W.A. when appearing before the Relief Committee, that free boots should be issued to the unemployed at Christmas that there should be a free treat for all children of unemployed. that attention should be given to the case of a man whose relief was cut from £1 to 14s. on the grounds of misconduct his only misconduct having been to speak at demonstrations and that halls should be allowed for their meeting.

The deputation was told that nothing could be done by the Public Assistance Committee in the matter of representation. An extra two shillings per head had been allowed for Christmas to all unemployed on boots and a children's treat were therefore not contemplated. Particulars of the case of alleged reduction in relief were invited, and the demonstrators were referred to the Town Halls Committee on the matter of halls for meetings.

The small crowd received the report of their deputation quietly and dispersed in an orderly wanner.

RELIGION AND BIRTH-CONTROL.

A remarkable attack on Mr. Justice McCardie and his recent utterance on birth control was made on Tuesday night by Father Woodcock, the Roman Catholic preacher, in his sermon at the Church of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington.

"That Mr. Justice McCardie should wish for a wider spread of birth control propaganda is, perhaps, not surprising," said Father Woodcock, "but when he proceeds to say, 'My view is that the attitude and substance of the law (which makes abortion a crime) should be changed, and changed soon,' one cannot but feel that he brings his court, if not into contempt, at least into disrepute.

"No one would criticise the merciful administration of the law specially hard cases, but a judge should know that to make laws specially to fit hard cases is to make bad laws.

"Abortion is a crime akin to murder, because the unborn child whose existence has begun is an individual with a right to live."

While some of the hard cases of the poor came into court, he added, the rich had no insuperable difficulty in such a matter without danger of their crime being detected.

'And," he said, "the rich and professional and educated classes to-day are so opposed to parenthood that in England they are producing barely half the number of children that are required to replace themselves in the next generation."

LAW AND BIRTHCONTROL.

But yet the bachelor judge who stressed earlier in the week the importance of a wider knowledge of birth control, over again returned to the subject at Leeds Assizes on Friday afternoon.

In a case concerning a woman he spoke of "the terrible results of the random output of unrestricted breeding."

"It is time the nation was warned," said Mr. Justice McCardian "I warn it to-day...."

To the woman Mr. Justice McCardie said:

"You have pleaded guilty to the offence of abortion, an act that you performed at the request of a girl of 19. I have already dealt with two cases at these assizes in which women caused their own miscarriages.

"The first was a case of a woman exhausted with child-bearing. She had seven children living, and the burden of them was such that she feared to face the burden of an eighth child doomed to misery.

"The second was a case of a woman who had already given birth to a diseased child and feared to bring into the world another doomed to the same taint.

"Your case is different, but it illustrates a far-reaching social problem.

ACT OF 70 YEARS AGO.

"You are charged under an Act that was passed 70 years ago. Since then the national point of view has been greatly changed. The knowledge of men has grown. and I am glad to see a new and a wider vision has grown up.

"Already one-tenth of the population of this country is either physically or mentally deficient. It is unfit for citizenship of this great nation. It is the terrible result of the random output of unrestricted breeding.

"Abortion will be all too common so long as the knowledge of birth coitrol is so cruelly refused or withheld. I use plain words.

"There is, indeed, no one who has travelled through the country for many years, wheter at assizes or not, who can object to them, with the knowledge that there must have been grave cases to provoke those words.

"In my view, and I say it plainly and publicly, the law of abortion should be amended. The law as it stands at present does more harm than good.

"LUDICROUS WORDS OF THE ACT."

'I pass over the cases of surgical practice of abortion, but I merely point to them to show that even they are publicity forbidden by the ludicrously wide words of the Act.

SIR W. JOWITT.

The Montrose Burghs Liberal Executive met in private at Montrose, Angus. and heard statements by Sir Robert Hutchison, National Liberal, the sitting member, and Sir William Jowitt, Attorney-General, whose name has been mentioned in the event of a vacancy occurring consequent upon the elevation of Sir Robert to the peerage.

The meeting decided not to commit itself, but to give the local Conservative executive, which has not contested the last two elections, a chance of hearing Sir Robert and Sir William.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald the Prime Minister, in a letter to Sir Robert, states: "I simply must have Sir William Jowitt in, and that as quickly as possible, as I need him on the front bench, and as soon as we come back after Christmas I shall need him still more.

"I shall therefore be grateful to you if you can use your great influence to this end."

Mr. Baldwin stated he considered it of importance to the National Government that Sir William should become a member of the House of Commons without delay. "If the Montrose Burghs see fit to adopt and return him as a member of the National Government they would be performing a service to the Government which would be appreciated." Later in the week Sir Robert officially communicated to the Premier that the Attorney General cannot be supported.

PREMIER'S "NATIONAL" LABOUR.

A statement is being prepared and will be issued in pamphlet form of the aims and objects of the Prime Minister's National Labour Committee—it was formerly called "party"—which will tell British electorate precisely where it stands in its relation to other political parties. The author is reported to be a former holder of high office in the I.L.P. Before publication it will be submitted to a committee of the Premier's personal friends.

The main theme will be that at no time has the Prime Minister had in mind that the National Labour party, or committee, was intended as a separate organisation. Every member of the organisation is declared to be a believer in the fundamental doctrines of the Labour party, and none of them would agree that the new organisation could ever be used as a hostile machine against the Labour party. The organisation did not originate with the Premier but among his personal friends, who foresaw that the need would arise for some sort of machine to which he would turn when the struggle began. But at no time has the machine been used. or was intended to be used, for conducting a struggle with the Labour party.

A strong reply is to be made to the Labour charges that the Prime Minister is obeying the dictates of his Tory majority. It is asserted that if the majority tries to force him beyond the terms of his election manifesto it will mean the break-up of the National Government..

Immediately this Government succeed in righting the trade balance or when they find that they cannot agree on measures to secure that object then the Premier will return to his old party. The differences which exist between the National Labour people and the Conservatives are said to have become more marked recently. The pamphlet when it appears will hardly help to compose them.

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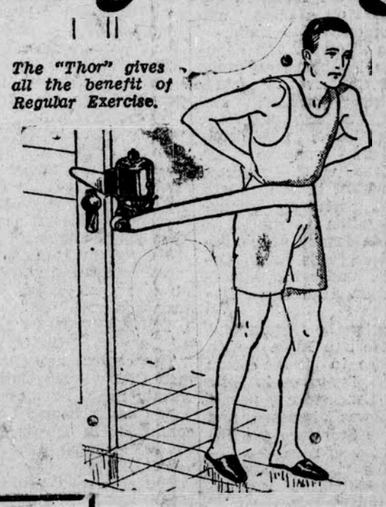

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NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, Dec. 24.

January	6.26+11
March	6.44+14
May	6.56+11
July	6.80+15
October	7.03+11

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, Dec. 24.

January	6.23+11
March	6.39+10
Middling Spot	6.23+09

New York, Dec. 24.

New York: 10.55 a. m. (As known in Liverpool at closing Time.)

New York, Noon Call:—

January	6.19
March	6.38
May	6.50

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS.
New York, Dec. 24.

	Bales.
Day's Receipt at all U. S. Ports	22,000
Day's Exports to Great Britain	3,000
Day's Exports to the Continent	7,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON.
Liverpool, Dec. 23.

	Opening	Closing.
December, 1931	4.92	4.88—07
January 1932		4.86—04
February 1932	4.89	4.86—02
March 1932		4.86—02
April 1932	3.89	4.86—02
May 1932		4.87—01
June 1932	4.91	4.88—01
July 1932		4.90
August 1932		4.91—01
September 1932		4.93
October 1932		4.95
November 1932		4.98+01

INDIAN COTTON
Liverpool, Dec. 24.

	Closing.
Broach, Fully Good	4.89
Broach Fine	5.01
Broach, Superfine	5.13
Oomra, Good	4.61
Oomra, Fully Good	4.71
Oomraa, Fine	4.86
Bengal, Good	4.36
Bengal, Fully Good	4.46
Bengal, Fine	4.56
Scinde, Fully Good	4.46
Scinde, Fine	4.56
Scinde, Superfine	4.66

EGYPTIAN COTTON.
Liverpoll, Dec. 24.

January	6.75
March	6.97
May	7.13
July	7.30
October	7.56
November	7.56
December	7.56
Sakellaridis F. G. F. Spot	7.00

BANK OF FRANCE NOTE CIRCULATION.
PARIS Dec. 24.

The Return of the Bank of France for the week ending December 23rd, gives the total note circulation at 82,527,0000,000 francs a decrease of 123,000,000 francs as compared with the previous week.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN.
London, Dec. 24.

	This Week.
Total Bullion	£121,400,000
Public Deposits	£ 14,600,000
Other Deposits	£111,000,000
Government Securities	£ 67,600,000
Other Securities	£ 49,600,000
Nites and Coin	£ 26,300,000
Notes in Circulation	£370,000,000
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	20.94 per cent.

LONDON PRODUCE
London, Dec. 23.

Cotton seed, Bombay, Hull, ton no offers.

Castorseed, Bombay, ton Dec./Jan. Sellers £12 17 6.

Rapeseed Toria (Hull/Continent) Dec./Jan. Sellers. £ 12 7 6.

LONDON RUBBER.
London, Dec. 23.

Smoked Sheet Standard rubbed in Spot 3-5/16.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 24.

Chartered Bank of India A & China	£ 10-3/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Registered)	£ 102-3/4
P. & O. Banking Corporation	£ 6
Funding Loan 4 per cent.	£ 83-1/4
Conversion Loan 3½ per cent.	£72-1/2
Indian Loan 5½ per cent.	£100
Rupee Paper 3½ per cent.	£ 38-1/2
Indian Stock 3 per cent. Sterling Loan	£ 42
Indian Stock 3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	£ 49
Indian Stock 4½ per cent. Sterling Loan	£ 68
Consols 2½ per cent.	£ 54-1/4
War Loan 5 per cent.	£ 95-3/8
Victory Bonds 4 per cent.	£ 89

LONDON METALS.
London, Dec. 3.

Copper, Braziers	£ 54-1/2
Yellow Metal	£ 43-3/4
Spelter, Hard Indian Brands	£ 13-3/4
Corrugated Sheets, 24 Gauge	£ 9-1/8
Tin, English Ingots	£ 144-1/2

NEW YORK DEMAND BILLS
New York, Dec. 24.

Demand Bills	343.50

LINSEED.
London, Dec. 23.

Linseed, Calcutta, (London), ton Dec./Jan. Sellers £ 10 17 6.

Linseed, La Plata C. I. F. Hull, ton Dec. Sellers. £ 9 2 6.

Linseed, Bombay, London, ton, Dec./Jan. Sellers £ 11 7 6.

LINSEED OIL
London, Dec. 23.

Linseed Oil, Naked, London, cwt. Jan./Apl. Sellers. 14/9.

Linseed Oil, Nakeed, London cwt. May./Aug. Sellers. 16/9.

WHEAT BALTIC EXCHANGE.
London, Dec. 23.

Rozario Santa Fe, per 63½ lb. cargoes Decr. Paid 25/3.

Barletta Russo, per 63 lb. cargoes, Sellers Jan./Feb. 26/3

Wheat, South Australian, parcels, Dec./Jan. Sellers. 28/-.

JAVA SUGAR LONDON MARKET.
London, Dec. 23.

Java Sugar, Fine White, Dutch Standard No. 25 C & F Calcutta December per cwt. 9/-; C & F Bombay Jan./Mar. per cwt. 9/2; C & F Karachi Jan./Mar. per cwt. 9/2.

COFFEE NEW YORK MARKET
New York, Dec. 24.

Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 Quality) Spot 7.

LONDON SILVER
London, Dec. 24.

Silver Market is inactive.

Spot	20
Forward	20-3/16

LONDON GOLD
London, Dec. 24.

Bar Gold Fine per oz. £ 6 0 2

LONDON DISCOUNT RATES
London, Dec. 24.

Interest Day to Day Loans 3-1/2 per cent.

Interest 7 Day's Market Loans 4-3/4 per cent.

Bank Bills, 3 Months 5-7/8 per cent.

Bank Bills 6 Months 6-1/8 per cent.

Fine Trade Bills, 3 Months, 6-3/4 per cent.

Fine Trade Bills, 6 months 6-7/8 per cent.

LONDON EXCHANGES.
London, Dec. 24.

T. T. London on Berlin	14.43
T. T. London on Amsterdam	8.54
T. T. London on Brussels	24.62
T. T. London on Madrid	40.56
T. T. London on Milan	67.31
T. T. London on Berne	17.56
T. T. London on Paris	87.75
T. T. London on Prague	115.50
T. T. London on New York (Closing)	3.43-3/4

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LINSEED AND RAPESEED CROPS

The Department of Agriculture, Bombay has issued the following Preliminary Memorandum on the Linseed and Rapeseed Crops of the Bombay Presidency, including Sind and Indian States, for the season 1931-32.

On an average of the five years ending 1929-30 the area under the Linseed and Rapeseed crops in the territory to which this forecast relates has represented some 3.4 and 3.7 per cent. respectively of the total area under the crops in the whole of India.

(2) The figures for the year under report i.e. for 1931-32 shown in this forecast relate to the Linseed and Rapeseed crops sown about October-November 1931. (Estimates up to 10th Dec. 1931.)

Total reported and estimated area stands as under:—

	Linseed. Acres.	Rapeseed. Acres.
British Districts	105,000	96,000
Indian States	6,000	36,000
	111,000	132,000

which in case of Linseed means rise of 9.7 and 40.8 per cent. over corresponding area last year and decennial average at same date respectively, and in case of Rapeseed fall of 27.2 and 25.4 per cent. below corresponding area last year and decennial average at same date respectively.

LINSEED.

Crop principally grown in Deccan and Karnatak. Area increased generally in both divisions due to good sowing rains and crop thriving well almost everywhere under favourable weather conditions.

RAPESEEDS.

Crop mainly cultivated in Sind and North Gujarat States. Area declined considerably on total, the decrease being shared exclusively by Sind due to premature fall in river level, scanty sowing rains and fall in prices. Crop however, germinated satisfactorily here and looks healthy. In North Gujarat States, area slightly increased owing to good sowing rains and crop progressing satisfactorily.

Rugby.—The Anchor liner Tuscania arrived at Glasgow on Thursday morning having encountered violent gales in mid-Atlantic. On December 16 a heavy sea broke abroad the ship flooding much of the third class accommodation. The ship lurched badly and the rush of water knocked over several passengers, one woman receiving fatal injuries. The behaviour of passengers and the crew was admirable throughout the exciting experience.—B. O. W.

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Hopeful Of Effecting Regular Collection Of Rents

BENGAL'S WAY OF SUPPRESSING STUDENTS' ORGANISATIONS

LUCKNOW, Dec. 24.

Interesting facts gathered from authoritative quarters regarding the United Provinces Ordinance which has now been in force for about a week in five districts of the United Provinces show that following convictions under the Ordinance Law and Ordinance have taken place in connection with the no rent campaign. Allahabad 2, Etawah 0, Cawnpore 57, Unao 30, Rae Bar'ei 7.

As a result of the action taken in Bara Banki District, the Ordinance has been extended to that district from yesterday but the Local Government is not extending the Ordinance elsewhere until circumstances appear to call for this. Reports from districts indicate that while the rent collection is still slow there has been definite improvement in this respect, and the district authorites are now hopeful that regular collections can be effected without difficulty.

Owing to late monsoon which has done a certain amount of damage to crops collections would, the authorities emphasise have been less prompt than usual Further, according to official reports the action taken by Government has been confined exclusively to preventing meetings and other activities intended to further the no-rent campaign, and that where attempts have been made to hold such meetings they have been dispersed and orders confining prominent Congress organisers within urban limits or restricting them from holding meetings have been issued with good effect. A number of Congress offices and presses which are used for issuing leaflets inciting tenants not to pay rents have been searched and leaflets confiscated.

As the Provincial Congress Committee would not guarantee that the annual meeting advertised for Etawah from December 24 would not be used for fostering the campaign orders have been issued to prevent its assembling. Official reports show that very few incidents are reported of resistence to authority, and that little difficulty has been experienced in dispersing meetings.

At Rudrapur, in Allahabad District, police fired three shots at long range but without causing injury to any person. There was a minor affair at Havanganj in Unao District accounts of which according to an official communique have been greatly exaggerated, for. No lathi charge really took place.

It is gathered that the local Government is not extending the Ordinance elsewhere until circumstances appear to call for this.—A. P.

CONGRESSMAN'S PROPERTY ATTACHED

Due To Non-Payment Of Revenue

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 24.

The property of Brijkishore Malaviya, a member of the Allahabad District Board, and vice-President of the Phulpur Congress Committee is reported to have been attached for non-payment of revenue.—A.P.

Arrests In Allahabad Dist.

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 24.

It is reported that four arrests have been made at Karma, in Allahabad District.—A.P.

A STUDENTS' UNION DISSOLVED

"Not A Bona-Fide Institution"

DACCA, Dec. 24.

The Bengal Government communicated to the Superintendent of the Dacca Medical School their decision that the Students' Union of the School being not a "bona-fide" Union, but a political association should be dissolved. The communication added that any student having connection with the Union will be liable to expulsion.

The Government decision being communicated to the students they immediately dissolved the Union.—A.P.

Young Bengali Arrested

PATNA, Dec. 24.

In connection with the recent bomb explosion and the find of a bomb in the Magistrate's bungalow at Bhagalpur a young Bengali has been arrested by the police.—A.P.

ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL CO.

Proposed Increase In Share Capital

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The directors of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company have resolved not to pay dividends on the Company's preference stocks on January 1, 1932.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Company has called an extraordinary meeting of shareholders on December 31 to consider a resolution to increase the share capital from 24 millions to £26,500,000 by the creation of additional 2500,000 shares of a pound each in order to enable the Company to acquire preference shares of the Scottish Oils Limited, Broxburn Oakburn and Pumpherston Oil Companies.—Reuter.

RAJAPUR SANSKRIT PATHASHALA

The annual meeting of the above Pathashala was held on Wednesday last under Dr. L. N. Purohit's presidentship when report for the previous year was presented and adopted. A budget for the next year was placed before the meeting and it was sanctioned. The question of a new building for starting new Vaidik classes was considered, and it was resolved that a building for the purpose should be erected and a loan should be raised for the purpose.

The following office-bearers were elected for the new year:—Dr. L. N. Purohit (President), H. K. Gokhale, (Vice President), G. V. Bedekar, (Auditor), Sjt. Sandhu, (Treasurer) and Dr. S. M. Deshmukh, Sjt. Vasudeoshastri Ainapure, Sjt. Dholebua, members of the Committee. Messrs. K. P. Gurjar, and V. L. Spare were elected Secretaries and Sjt. Pandurangshastri Athalye was elected propagandist for the new year.

REBEL CRIME IN BURMA DAY BY DAY!

RANGOON, Dec. 24.

In Tharrawaddy a gang of about 30 men, armed with firearms, attacked a headman's house and other houses on the night of the 22nd in a village. The attack was resisted, but unsuccessfully. One villager was killed and the headman slightly injured. A gun and some money were looted.

A dacoity was committed on the 19th on 6 houses and on the 22nd on 16 houses in Toungoo.

Dacoities and robberies are also reported from Pegu, Thayetmyo and Prome. In the last place one villager was murdered by dacoits.

Of 42 men arrested in Bassein Distt. in connection with the recent attempted rising in that area, 11 were dealt with under section 107, Cr. P.C. and the remainder discharged.—A.P.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

Provisional Programme

COMMITTEES TO BE FORMED AFTER PLENARY SESSION

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Geneva.—Profitting by his experiences of former International Conferences Arthur Henderson is leaving no stone unturned to ensure, as far as possible, that the great Disarmament Conference shall not be prejudiced by inadequate preparation. A provisional programme of the first few weeks' business has been drawn up by Mr. Henderson in consultation with the director of the Disarmament section of the League Secretariat.

The Conference is expected to devote some weeks to the plenary session in which the delegations will ventilate their views and reveal plans. Thereafter five committees will be formed to deal separately with Military, Naval, Aerial, Judicial and Financial issues.

Mr Henderson will put the finishing touches to the arrangements in London in the beginning of January in consultation with Sir Eric Drummond.—Reuter's Special.

WORLD'S BIGGEST X'MAS BOX

Windfall To Six Children

(Special Cable).

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The world's biggest Christmas box came to a family named Clarke living Sheffield District since Mr. John Clarke died in London many years ago hundreds of people named fought for the possession of a million sterling and the vast estates he had left. A Sheffield plumber named Mr. J. F. Clarke, however, spent spare time searching musty registers, and was rewarded by discovering in an old bible a valuable clue linking himself with the deceased. He died two years ago without realising his ambition, but his claims were at last substantiated and the money and the property will be divided amongst his six children.

X'mas Gift To Offenders

(Special Cable).

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Paris A sort of Christmas present to various offenders was made this morning by the Chamber which unanimously adopted a new Amnesty Bill the terms of which apply to pensions convicted in case of the following crimes:—Autonomist plots, that is anti-Government plots within the country; breaches of labour contracts; Breaches of Press Regulations except in the case of defamation of army officers all military offences and desertion abroad provided deserter has one year's good conduct service to his credit.

Proposals for a similar amnesty to all convicted for political offences except certain extremists have been tabled in the Bulgarian Chamber to-day.

BURMA ROUND TABLERS

Sojourning In Great Britain

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The interval before resumption of the Burma Round Table Conference is being utilised for visits outside London. A number of delegates have gone to Bournemouth and other points on the south coast. Another party including Messrs. Ba Pe, Maung Gyee and Chit Hlaing is visiting Dublin.

It is not expected that the minorities question will be again taken up before the Round Table Conference reassembles.—Reuter.

Sheffield Shield Match

(Special Cable).

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Melbourne.—The following is the closing score in Sheffield match between New York South Wales and Victoria which commenced here to-day: New South Wales 276 (Ironmonger four for 75). Victoria 8 for 2 wickets. There will be no play to-morrow.

LONDON RUGBY FIFTEEN.

Sprigboks Pitted Against Formidable Opponents.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The following will constitute the London Rugby 15 meeting Springboks on the 26th December at Twickenham:—

S. Block (Surrey), F. Hodges (Kent), Tallent (Kent), Novis (Kent), Lane (Hampshire), Spong (Middlesex), Sobey (Captain) (Hampshire), Kendrew (Eastern Counties), H. Withers, R. Charsley, R. Hobbs and W. Pratten (all of Kent), Crichton Miller (Hampshire), T. Priest (Surrey) and A. Ramsay (Kent).

The team has been chosen from the Counties comprising the south-eastern group of the County Championship.—Reuter.

Spong And Sobery Reserved For England-S. Africa Match

(Special Cable).

LONDON, Dec. 24.

At the request of Rugby selectors Spong and Sobey are standing down from the Londoners' meeting with South Africans on Saturday, being reserved for the England—South Africa match on 2nd January. W. Elliott (United Services) and A. Key (Old Cranleighans) will replace them on Saturday. (For London team see message sent last night).

CARDIFF BEAT WATSONIANS

London.—Under Rugby Union Rules to-day Cardiff beat Watsonians by 17 points to 8.—Reuter.

LUCAS DEFENDS UNBEATEN ALL-BLACKS

Attacks In New Zealand Baseless

AUCKLAND, Dec. 23.

F. Lucas, one of the centre-three-quarters of the famous unbeaten All-Blacks' Rugby team which toured Britain in 1924 has made an indignant reply to the attacks in New Zealand alleging that the team has been regarded in Britain more as "pot hunters" rather than as sportsmen. It was significant, said Lucas, that the British sportsmen entertained the team at a farewell function which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales attended and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales personally represented the New Zealanders with loving cup.

Lucas declared that their unbeaten record was not established regardless of the consequences as was suggested.—Reuter.

LEFT-HAND TRUNDLER PLAYS DEVIL WITH BALL.

Nupen Lives Up To His Reputation.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 23,

E. Nupen, the left-hand fast bowler whose brilliant bowling combined with clever Captaincy in the first Test Match was largely responsible for the South Africa beating England for the rubber last season, has begun the present season excellently by taking 9 wickets for 48 runs in the first innings and 7 wickets for 88 runs in the second innings for Transvaal, "lions of the north," against Griqualand West, in the Currie Cup.

The Transvaals, who at present hold the trophy, won by 8 wickets.—Reuter.

"MAC" RETURNING TO RUDDY HEALTH

A Quiet Christmas In Family Nest

(Special Cable).

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Mr MacDonald is returning to uddy health in consequence of olf and the invigorating native ir, though he still devotes long ours daily with secretaries to the mmense files of correspondence and State papers. The Premier and Miss Ishbel will be joined to-day by the Premier's son Mr. Malcolm and will spend together quite Christmas.

Breach On S. I. Railway.

The District Traffic Superintendent, Trichinopoly, S. I. Railway, wires under date December 24:—

Due to heavy rain the line between Velipalayam and Nagore is breached. Transhipment is not possible. Trains will terminate at Negapatam until further notice.—A.P.

JAPAN WARNED AGAIN

U. S. A's Intervention

NO EVIDENCE OF CHINA'S OFFENSIVE

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Washington.—Government has again intervened on the affairs in Manchuria by instructing the ambassador at Tokio to make representations concerning the report that Japan is contemplating action against Chinchow and to draw the Japanese Government's attention to the reports from the military observers of several nations showing that there has been no evidence that China is preparing for any offensive movement.—Reuter.

RS. 1,000 MISSING FROM MILITARY FUNDS.

COONOOR, Dec. 24.

Mystery surrounds the disappearance of a sum of Rs. 1,000 belonging to the military.

It appears that Captain Dorer of the Somerset Light Infantry accompanied by a Sergeant and Corporal cashed a cheque for Rs. 37,000 at the Treasury for pay and Christmas allowances for 800 men of the regiment. When the money was again counted on returning to the Orderly Room at the Barracks, Rs. 1,000 was found missing.

The police are investigating.—A.P.

PURI CONGRESS PRESIDENTSHIP.

Delhi P. C. C. Nominates Gandhiji.

(From A Correspondent.)

MEERUT, Dec. 22.

A meeting of the Delhi Provincial Congress Committee was held in the office of the District Congress Committee, Meerut, last evening under the presidentship of Pt. Pyarelal Sharma.

The following resolutions were passed:

That, Mahatma Gandhi's name be finally adopted for the Presidentship of the Congress Session at Puri and that the Reception Committee be informed accordingly;

That, if instructions are received from the A. I. C. C. office regarding sending representatives from the province to join the Mahatma's reception at Bombay, they may be duly complied with;

That the ordinances are a clear breach of Gandhi-Irwin Agreement and in the opinion of the council are meant to stifle the legitimate activities of the Congress. As a fitting reply to those ordinances the Congress Committees in the province are requested to organise their strength.

That the Working Committee be authorised to appoint Seva Dal Boards in their districts which may work under the guidance and be authorised to appoint Seva Dal Board, and may make arrangements for, recruitment of volunteers and their training in their own districts.

GIRGAON ENGLISH SCHOOL

Prize Distribution Ceremony

The sixth annual prize distribution of the Girgaon English School was celebrated in Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Wednesday, last when the Hon. Mr Justice S. S. Patkar presided.

Mr. Koluskar, in introducing the President, made a reference to the gradual development of the School, and said that it is a school for all classes and creeds of people.

After the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Shantabai Patkar, the President thanked the audience on behalf of himself and Mrs. Patkar for their participation in the entertainment that evening, and remarked that from his association with the programme of the day, he was convinced that the School is really one of a non-denominational nature, and that the organization of the programme itself testified to the work and sincerity of the staff. Looking to the steady progress of the School from very humble beginnings, he could not but conclude that the teachers of the School seemed to do their duties satisfactorily. Concluding he said that the institution deserved help and encouragement from the public.

CHINA MUST CHANGE HER MENTAL OUTLOOK

Policy Of Ignoring Japan's "Just Rights" Should End

JAPANSE EXPLANATION ON MANCHURIAN QUESTION

The League of Nations Association of Japan has issued the following declaration on the Manchurian question:—

JAPAN'S SYMPATHY FOR CHINA PEOPLE.

"The League of Nations Association of Japan sincerely desirous of seeing an early and peaceful solution of the Manchurian incident has done all that was possible to further such a result. Ne blowing up by regular Chinese troops of a section of South Manchurian Railway was only the immediate occasion and not the real cause of the trouble, which lies deeper. The Japanese people entertaining, as they do, the deepest sympatny for the people of China in their attempts to bring about their national unification, have liberally extended to them sympathetic support in their movements to introduce internal reforms and to place their relations with foreign countries on a more satisfactory basis. The Government and the people of China, however, have apparently misunderstood the sympathetic attitude of the Japanese people and are constantly evading negotiations with Japan and procrastinating the settlement of pending questions on one pretext or another. They have frequently ignored solemn engagements entered into by them with Japan; and are making persistent efforts to so misguide the education of boys and girls that the rising generation can not but be imbued with the most profound hatred against the people of Japan. They have long encouraged boycotts against Japanese goods; and more recently the Government of China and the Kuomintang leaders have systematically adopted the policy of inciting people to boycott Japanese goods whenever negotiations between Japan and China take an unfavourable turn against them.

10 YEARS PATIENT SUFFERING.

Especially in Manchuria where the vital interests of the Japanese people are incontrovertible from any point of view, historic, geographic or economic, the Government authorities and the people are by violence and persecution threatening the lives of the Japanese populations and endangering their safety in person and property. So far as the protection of the Japanese in Manchuria is concerned, a complete state of anarchy exists. The Japanese people have patiently submitted to this treatment for more than ten years because of the great sympathy they entertain towards the Chinese people in the latter's efforts to introduce reforms; but things have reached such a pass now that the just indignation of the Japanese people is hard to restrain. The vital interests of Japan in Manchuria and Mongolia needs not to be recounted at this juncture. It is sufficient to reflect upon the historic back-ground, the geographic proximity of those regions to Japan and the interplay of economic, political and social relations arising from such circumstances. The provisions of the various treaties concluded by China with Japan having as their object the adjustment of their relations in those regions point unmistakablyy to these historic and economic factors. The people of Japan have no ulterior motive in the attitude they have adopted; they only insist on the faithful observance by China of the stipulations contained in those treaties, the solemn engagements of which China always attempts to evade and ignore.

LACK OF FUNDAMENTAL KNOWLEDGE.

"No fundamental solution of the difficulty can be found unless and until the people of China are brought to entertain a more healthy mental attitude toward Japan and her people, and the governmental authorities of China to discontinue their policy of ignoring the just rights and interests of the Japanese people throughout the country but more especially in Manchuria and Mongolia. Our Association has from time to time made every effort in its power to call the attention of the leaders of public opinion in China to this point.

"The recent atmosphere prevailing in the Council of the League of Nations can be explained only upon the hypothesis that they lack fundamental knowledge of the special and complicated relations subsisting between Japan and China throughout the latter country but more especially in Manchuria and Mongolia. Any advice and admonitions on the part of the Council which run counter to the actual condition of things can only act as irritants alike to the people of China and of Japan. Any outside action not adapted to the situation can only lead to graver complications instead of solving the points at issue.

"The League of Nations Association of Japan hopes and expects that the Council of the League of Nations will perceive the real nature of the difficulty and do everything in its power to appease the excitement of the two peoples concerned and to accelerate the restoration of normal relations between them."

CONSPIRACY CASE AT PATNA

Alleged Find Of Arms And Ammunition

PATNA, Dec. 24.

A complaint under section 121-A, I.P.C., (conspiracy to wage war against the King or to overawe the Government by force or show of force), section 120 B, I.P.C. read with sections 4 to 8 of the Explosive Substances Act and section 19E and F of the Arms Act, section 302 (murder) section 392 (robbery) and section 395 dacoity), has been filed by the police against several persons in the court of the City Magistrate. The accused are Kanahilal Misra, Shyam Krishna Agarwal, Rai Maheshra Prasad, Ramsingh Tunno, Chandeshwar Pande, Mahabir Misra, Radhakrishna Lohar and Gangaprasad Moti and two others who are already undergoing sentences in connection with the Patna Bomb Case, namely Surajnath Chaube and Hazarilal. It was stated in the complaint that accused Hazarilal had made a statement before a magistrate and implicated the other accused as members of the Hindusthan Socialist Republican Association or Army and as conspirators who had committed certain offences.

"FIND OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION."

It was further alleged that arms, ammunition, bombs and material for the preparation of the same had been recovered from their possession and that they had been engaged in a conspiracy in Patna city and other places. It is understood that the magisterial enquiry will begin on January 5.—A.P.

NO RETROCESSION OF BERAR.

Berar P. C. C. Executive Resolve

(From A Correspondent.)

AKOLA, Dec. 22.

At a meeting of the Executive of the Berar P. C. C. held at Akola on the 20th instant, under the presidentship of Veer Vamanrao Joshi, the resolution on the retrocession of Berar was passed:

This Executive of the Berar P. C. C. having noted alarm, on the reported negotiations between H. E. H. the Nizam and the British Government for the retrocession of Berar, is emphatically of opinion that the retrocession of Berar, in any form, would materially hamper all sided progress of Berar. Retrocession, without the consent of the people of Berar, would further involve a violation of the right to self determination. Under these circumstances, this Executive strongly urges the claim of Berar to be a federating unit, in its own right in the future constitution of India, approved by the Indian National Congress.

INWARD AIR MAIL

KARACHI, Dec. 24

The Inward air mail is late and is expected on the 26th. The outward air mail is leaving on 26th instead of the 25th.—A.P.

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